

ANTI-TREM2 ANTIBODIES AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 62/035,336, filed August 8, 2014, U.S. Provisional Application No. 62/135,110, filed March 18, 2015, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 62/135,122, filed March 18, 2015, each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

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[0002] The content of the following submission on ASCII text file is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety: a computer readable form (CRF) of the Sequence Listing (file name: 735022000440SEQLISTING.TXT, date recorded: August 7, 2015, size: 240 KB).

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0003] This invention relates to anti-TREM2 and anti-DAP12 antibodies and therapeutic uses of such antibodies.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0004] Triggering receptor expressed on myeloid cells-2 (TREM2) is an immunoglobulin-like receptor that is expressed primarily on myeloid lineage cells, such as macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, osteoclasts, and microglia; and is required for modulation (*e.g.*, suppression) of Toll-like receptor (TLR) signaling, the modulation of inflammatory cytokines, as well as for normal osteoclast development. TREM2 was discovered as a member of the TREM transmembrane glycoproteins, which belong to the single immunoglobulin variable (IgV) domain receptor family. The genes encoding human and mouse TREMs map to human chromosome 6p21.1 and mouse chromosome 17C3, respectively. The TREM cluster includes genes encoding TREM1, TREM2, TREM4, and TREM5, as well as the TREM-like genes in both human and mouse. Additionally TREM3 and plasmacytoid dendritic cell (pDC)-TREM were identified in mouse. The TREM-like genes, TREML1 and TREML2 in

humans, and Trem11 and Trem12 in mouse, encode TLT-1 and TLT-2 respectively. The two best characterized of these receptors, TREM1 and TREM2, display some sequence homology with other members of the Ig-SF such as activating NK cells receptors (20% identity with NKp44) and act through association with a DAP12- mediated pathway for signaling.

[0005] TREM2 was originally cloned as a cDNA encoding a TREM1 homologue (Bouchon, A et al., J Exp Med, 2001. 194(8): p. 1111-22). This receptor is a glycoprotein of about 40kDa, which is reduced to 26kDa after N-deglycosylation. The TREM2 gene encodes a 230 amino acid-length protein that includes an extracellular domain, a transmembrane region and a short cytoplasmic tail. The extracellular region, encoded by exon 2, is composed of a single type V Ig-SF domain, containing three potential N-glycosylation sites. The putative transmembrane region contains a charged lysine residue. The cytoplasmic tail of TREM2 lacks signaling motifs and is thought to signal through the signaling adaptor molecule DAP12/TRYROBP.

[0006] The signaling adaptor molecule DAP12 is expressed as a homodimer at the surface of a variety of cells participating in innate immune response, including microglia, macrophages, granulocytes, NK cells, and dendritic cells (DC). DAP12 is a member of the type I transmembrane adapter protein family on the basis of homology with the human T-cell receptor (TCR)-associated CD3 chains and the Fc receptor (FcR) γ -chain (Turnbull, IR and Colonna, M, Nat Rev Immunol, 2007. 7(2): p. 155-61). These proteins share many structural and functional characteristics, including one or more ITAM motifs in their cytoplasmic domain, charged acidic residue in transmembrane region (critical for interaction with its partner chain) and the ability to recruit Src homology domain-2 (SH2)-containing proteins following tyrosine phosphorylation. The ITAM motif mediates signal propagation by activation of the ZAP70 or Syk tyrosine kinase. Both kinases phosphorylate several substrates, thereby facilitating the formation of a signaling complex leading to cellular activation. Interestingly, some B-cells and T-cells also express DAP12 under inflammatory conditions. In humans, subsets of CD4⁺CD28⁻ T-cells, $\alpha\beta$ TCR⁺CD4⁺ T-cells, and CD8⁺ T-cells expressing this protein have been described in patients suffering from chronic inflammatory diseases, in the context of autoimmune T cells (Schleinitz, N. et al., PLoS ONE, 4 (2009), p. e6264). In view of the significant level of DAP12 expression in mouse peritoneal macrophages, this protein is believed to be expressed in other macrophage-

related cells, such as osteoclasts in the bone marrow, Kupffer cells in the liver, alveolar macrophages of the lung, Langerhans cells of skin, and microglial cells in the brain (Takaki, R et al., *Immunol Rev*, 2006. 214: p. 118-29).

[0007] TREM2 has been identified as expressed on the surface of human monocyte-derived dendritic cells and as an mRNA transcript in the mouse macrophage cell line RAW264 (Bouchon, A et al., *J Exp Med*, 2001. 194(8): p. 1111-22). Human TREM2 was the first DAP12-associated receptor described on the surface of DCs. Studies have demonstrated that TREM2 cell surface expression is reduced in DAP12-deficient bone marrow-derived dendritic cells (BMDCs) and in DAP12-deficient macrophages, as compared to wild-type cells (Ito, H and Hamerman, JA, *Eur J Immunol*. 42(1): p. 176-85; Hamerman, JA et al., *J Immunol*, 2006. 177(4): p. 2051-5; and Hamerman, JA et al., *Nat Immunol*, 2005. 6(6): p. 579-86). This indicates that formation of the TREM2/DAP12 complex is needed for maximal TREM2 surface expression.

[0008] Recent studies have also shown cell-surface expression of TREM2 on macrophages infiltrating tissue from the circulation, as well as on macrophages activated by IL-4 or IL-13 (Turnbull, IR et al., *J Immunol*, 2006. 177(6): p. 3520-4). However, TREM2 expression was not always found in other cell populations, such as tissue-resident macrophages, circulating monocytes, or the corresponding progenitor cells in the bone marrow, suggesting that TREM2 expression is not induced centrally, but locally during tissue infiltration or by cytokine-mediated activation. Moreover, it has also been observed that IFN- γ and LPS reduce or otherwise abrogate TREM2 expression. Further, it has been recently reported that TREM2 is highly expressed on microglia and infiltrating macrophages in the central nervous system during experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis or Alzheimer's disease (Piccio, L et al., *Eur J Immunol*, 2007. 37(5): p. 1290-301; and Wang Y, *Cell*. 2015 Mar 12; 160(6):1061-71).

[0009] It has been shown that TREM2 signals through DAP12. Downstream this leads to activation of the Syk/Zap70 tyrosine kinase family, PI3K, and other intracellular signals. On myeloid cells, TLR signals are important for activation, such as with infection response, but also play a key role in the pathological inflammatory response, such as with macrophages and dendritic cells (Hamerman, JA et al., (2006) *J Immunol* 177: 2051-2055; Ito, H et al., *Eur J*

Immunol 42: 176-185; Neumann, H et al., (2007) J Neuroimmunol 184: 92-99; Takahashi, K et al., (2005) J Exp Med 201: 647-657; and Takahashi, K et al., (2007) PLoS Med 4: e124).

Deficiency of either TREM2 or DAP12 is thought to lead to increased pro-inflammatory signaling. The impact of TREM2-deficiency *in vitro* has been shown in the context of stimulation with typical TLR ligands, such as LPS, CpG DNA, and Zymosan. TREM-2-deficient dendritic cells show increased release of IL-12p70, TNF, IL-6, and IL-10 in the presence, but not in the absence of stimulation.

[0010] Several recent studies have explored the intracellular signaling events induced by the activation of the TREM2/DAP12 pathway. For example, TREM2 is thought to activate signaling pathways involved in cell survival (*e.g.*, protein kinase B-Akt), cell activation and differentiation (*e.g.*, Syk, Erk1/2, PLC- γ , *etc.*), and in the control of the actin cytoskeleton (*e.g.*, Syk, Vav, *etc.*) (Peng, Q et al., Sci Signal. 3(122): p. ra38; and Whittaker, GC et al., J Biol Chem. 285(5): p. 2976-85). After ligation of TREM2, the ITAM tyrosines in DAP12 are phosphorylated by SRC-family kinases leading to the recruitment and activation of the Syk kinase and/or ZAP70 kinase. In the mouse, Syk may be the predominant kinase involved, whereas in humans both Syk and ZAP70 appear to couple efficiently with such ITAM-containing subunits, binding them through their tandem SH2 domains.

[0011] Studies on TREM2 signaling have shown that, like TREM1, TREM2-mediated signaling through DAP12 also leads to an increase in intracellular calcium ion levels and ERK1/2 phosphorylation of ERK1/2 (Bouchon, A et al., J Exp Med, 2001. 194(8): p. 1111-22; and Sharif, O and Knapp, S, Immunobiology, 2008. 213(9-10): p. 701-13). Importantly, TREM2 receptor ligation does not induce the degradation of I κ B- α and the subsequent nuclear translocation of NF- κ B, which points to a possible difference between TREM2 and TREM1 signaling (Bouchon, A et al., J Exp Med, 2001. 194(8): p. 1111-22). Receptor cross-linking of TREM2 on immature dendritic cells triggers the up-regulation of molecules involved in T-cell co-stimulation, such as CD86, CD40, and MHC class II, as well as the up-regulation of the chemokine receptor CCR7 (Bouchon, A et al., J Exp Med, 2001. 194(8): p. 1111-22). TREM2 is also expressed on microglia, where receptor cross-linking results in an increase in ERK1/2 phosphorylation and CCR7, but not an increase in CD86 or MHC class II expression, suggesting possible cell type-

specific differences in TREM2 signaling. Additionally, over-expression of TREM2 in myeloid cells resulted in an increase in phagocytosis of degenerated myelin (Takahashi, K et al., PLoS Med, 2007. 4(4): p. e124; and Neumann, H and Takahashi, K, J Neuroimmunol, 2007. 184(1-2): p. 92-9).

[0012] It has also been shown that bone marrow-derived macrophages (BMDM) that have been silenced for TREM2 using shRNAi display increased secretion of TNF in response to the TLR2/6 ligand zymosan and the TLR9 ligand CpG, as compared to control BMDM cells that were treated with a non-specific shRNAi, indicating that TREM2 negatively regulates cytokine synthesis in macrophages (Ito, H and Hamerman, JA, Eur J Immunol. 42(1): p. 176-85; Hamerman, JA et al., J Immunol, 2006. 177(4): p. 2051-5; and Hamerman, JA et al., Nat Immunol, 2005. 6(6): p. 579-86). These results have been confirmed using BMDM cells from TREM2 knockout mice, and have further shown that levels of TNF and IL-6 were also higher in TREM2^{-/-} BMDM cells in response to LPS, as compared to wild-type BMDM cells (Turnbull, IR, et al., J Immunol, 2006. 177(6): p. 3520-4; and Turnbull, IR and Colonna, M, Nat Rev Immunol, 2007. 7(2): p. 155-61). Additionally, TREM2 overexpression in microglia has been demonstrated to lead to a decrease in TNF and inducible nitric oxide (iNOS) mRNA after culture of these cells with apoptotic neurons, whereas TREM2 knockdown resulted in a modest increase in TNF and iNOS mRNA levels. This indicates that, in contrast to TREM1, which is a positive regulator of cytokine synthesis, TREM2 is a negative regulator of cytokine synthesis. This effect of TREM2 on inflammation may be independent of the type of macrophage as it occurs in both microglia and BMDM cells.

[0013] It has also been shown that in resident myeloid cells of the central nervous system, activation of microglia can lead to inflammation (Neumann, H et al., (2007) J Neuroimmunol 184: 92-99; Takahashi, K et al., (2005) J Exp Med 201: 647-657; Takahashi, K et al., (2007) PLoS Med 4: e124; and Hsieh, CL et al., (2009) J Neurochem 109: 1144-1156). Moreover, microglia activation has also been implicated in frontotemporal dementia (FTD), Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, stroke/ischemic brain injury, and multiple sclerosis. Whereas reduced TREM2 activation leads to increases in certain activation and inflammation markers, such as NOS2 gene transcription in myeloid cells, increased TREM2 activation leads to reduced

NOS2 transcription. It is thought that dying neurons express an endogenous ligand for TREM2. HSP60 has been implicated as a ligand of TREM2 on neuroblastoma cells (Stefani, L et al., (2009) *Neurochem* 110: 284-294). TREM2 over-expression also leads to increased phagocytosis of dying neurons by microglia, and similarly increases phagocytosis by other myeloid lineage cells.

[0014] In humans, the complete absence of TREM2 has been shown to cause Nasu-Hakola disease, a rare neurodegenerative disease with late-onset dementia, demyelination, and cerebral atrophy (Paloneva, J et al., (2002) *Am J Hum Genet* 71: 656-662; and Paloneva, J et al., (2003) *J Exp Med* 198: 669-675). Nasu-Hakola disease can also be caused by DAP12-deficiency.

[0015] TREM2 gene expression has also been shown to be increased in APP23 transgenic mice, an Alzheimer's disease model in which the mice express a mutant form of the amyloid precursor protein that is associated with familial Alzheimer's disease (Melchior, B et al., *ASN Neuro* 2: e00037). Uptake of Amyloid 1-42 has also been shown to be increased in BV-2 microglial cell lines that overexpress TREM2.

[0016] TREM2 has further been shown to be upregulated in the EAE mouse model of multiple sclerosis (Neumann, H et al., (2007) *J Neuroimmunol* 184: 92-99; Takahashi, K et al., (2005) *J Exp Med* 201: 647-657; and Takahashi, K et al., (2007) *PLoS Med* 4: e124). The transduction of bone marrow-derived myeloid precursor cells (BM-DC) *in vitro* with TREM2 leads to increased phagocytosis of degenerated myelin. In response to LPS, these cells show increased IL-10 and decreased IL-1 β . Intravenous transplantation of myeloid cells overexpressing TREM2 can suppress EAE *in vivo*.

[0017] Further, exome sequencing of individuals with frontotemporal dementia (FTD) presentation has identified homozygous mutations in TREM2 (Guerreiro, RJ et al., *JAMA Neurol* 70: 78-84; and Guerreiro, RJ et al., *Arch Neurol*: 1-7). Some of these mutations lead to truncation and likely loss-of-function of TREM2. These same TREM2 mutations can also cause Naku-Hakula disease in some individuals. Imaging analysis in certain individuals with TREM2 homozygous mutations has also shown evidence of demyelination.

[0018] Heterozygous mutations in TREM2, which are the same as the mutation that cause Naku-Hakula and FTD, also increase the risk of Alzheimer's disease (Guerreiro, R et al., N Engl J Med 368: 117-127; Jonsson, T et al., N Engl J Med 368: 107-116; and Neumann, H et al., N Engl J Med 368: 182-184). Although these TREM2 mutations are rarer than the known risk variants of Alzheimer's disease (*e.g.*, APOE4), the effect of carrying these mutations is just as serious; around a 3 fold increase in the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease. Moreover, even individuals without Alzheimer's disease who carry a heterozygous TREM2 mutation show worse cognition as compared to individuals with two normal TREM2 alleles. Further, it has been shown that the R47H variant of TREM2 (arginine to histidine amino acid substitution at position 47 of TREM2), which is most common TREM2 mutation (up to 1 in 200 individuals) is located within the immunoglobulin domain of TREM2, and may thus alter ligand binding (Wang Y, Cell. 2015 Mar 12;160(6):1061-71).

[0019] In addition an integrative network-based approach to rank-ordered organized structure of molecular networks of gene expression for relevance to late onset developing Alzheimer's disease (LOAD) identified TYROBP/DAP12 as the signaling molecule for TREM2 as a key regulator of the immune/microglia gene modules that is associated with LOAD. TYROBP was found to be the causal regulator of the highest scoring immune/ microglia module as rank-ordered based on the number of other genes that TREM2 regulated and the magnitude of loss of regulation, as well as differential expression in LOAD brains. TYROBP was significantly upregulated in LOAD brains and there was a progression of TYROBP expression changes across mild cognitive impairment (MCI), which often precedes LOAD (Zhang et al., (2013) Cell 153, 707-720). Targeting such causal networks in ways that restore them to a normal state may be a way to treat disease.

[0020] Accordingly, there is a need for antibodies that specifically bind TREM2 and/or its signaling adapter molecule DAP12/TYROBP on a cell surface and that modulate (*e.g.*, activate or inhibit) one or more TREM2 and/or DAP12 activities in order to treat one or more diseases, disorders, and conditions associated with decreased TREM2 and/or DAP12 activity, as well as conditions associated with undesired TREM2 and/or DAP12 activity.

[0021] Moreover, the tumor microenvironment is composed of a heterogeneous immune infiltrate, which include T lymphocytes, macrophages and cells of myeloid/granulocytic lineage. Therapeutic approaches that modulate specific subsets of immune cells are changing the standard of care. “Checkpoint blocking” antibodies targeting immune-modulatory molecules expressed on T cells (such as CTLA-4 and PD-1) have demonstrated clinical activity across a variety of tumor types (Naidoo et al., (2014) *British Journal of Cancer* 111, 2214–2219).

[0022] Cancer immune-therapy targeting tumor-associated macrophages (*e.g.*, M2-type macrophages) is an intense area of research. The presence of M2-macrophages in tumors is associated with poor prognosis. Accordingly, there is a need for antibodies that specifically bind TREM2 and/or DAP12 and (*e.g.*, activate or inhibit) one or more TREM2 and/or DAP12 activities in tumor-associated immune cells, such as macrophages, dendritic cells, myeloid/granulocytic cells, T cells, and monocytes.

[0023] All references cited herein, including patent applications and publications, are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

SUMMARY

[0024] The present disclosure is generally directed to methods and compositions that include antibodies, *e.g.*, monoclonal antibodies, chimeric antibodies, bispecific antibodies, humanized antibodies, antibody fragments, *etc.*, that specifically bind a TREM2 protein and/or its signaling adaptor molecule DAP12, *e.g.*, a mammalian TREM2, a human TREM2, a mammalian DAP12, or a human DAP12, including wild-type proteins and naturally occurring variants thereof. The antibodies of the present disclosure may include agonist antibodies, inert antibodies, and/or antagonist antibodies. The methods provided herein find use in preventing, reducing risk, or treating an individual having dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, or multiple sclerosis; in inducing or promoting innate immune cell survival in an individual in need thereof, and/or in decreasing innate immune cell survival in an individual in need thereof.

[0024a] In one aspect of the present disclosure, there is provided An isolated human or humanized antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein and, when cross-linked or plate-bound,

promotes survival of macrophages, as determined by an *in vitro* cell culture viability assay using macrophages isolated from mouse bone marrow.

[0024b] In another aspect of the present disclosure, there is provided an isolated nucleic acid encoding the antibody disclosed herein.

[0024c] In a further aspect of the present disclosure, there is provided a vector comprising the nucleic acid disclosed herein.

[0024d] In another aspect of the present disclosure, there is provided an isolated host cell comprising the vector disclosed herein.

[0024e] In a further aspect of the present disclosure, there is provided a pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody disclosed herein and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

[0024f] In another aspect of the present disclosure, there is provided the isolated antibody disclosed herein for use in a method of preventing, reducing risk, or treating an individual having dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, or multiple sclerosis.

[0024g] In a further aspect of the present disclosure, there is provided the isolated antibody disclosed herein for use in a method of inducing or promoting macrophage survival in an individual in need thereof.

[0025] The present disclosure relates to different classes of anti-TREM2 antibodies. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies are agonist antibodies that bind to

TREM2 and activate, induce, promote, stimulate, or otherwise increase one or more TREM2 activities, survival of one or more innate immune cells, and/or expression of IL-6. In some embodiments, agonist anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure compete with TREM2 ligands for binding to TREM2 expressed on a cell surface. In some embodiments, agonist anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure do not compete with TREM2 ligands for binding to TREM2 expressed on a cell surface. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies are inert or antagonist antibodies that bind to TREM2 and decrease, inhibit, or otherwise reduce one or more TREM2 activities and/or survival of one or more innate immune cells. In some embodiments, inert or antagonist anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure block or otherwise inhibit ligand binding to TREM2 expressed on a cell surface.

[0026] The present disclosure also relates to an isolated agonist antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein, a DAP12 protein, or both, wherein the antibody induces one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both.

[0027] In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the TREM2 protein, the DAP12 protein, or both is a mammalian protein or a human protein. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the TREM2 protein, the DAP12 protein, or both is a wild-type protein. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the TREM2 protein, the DAP12 protein, or both is a naturally occurring variant. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the TREM2 protein, the DAP12 protein, or both is expressed on human dendritic cells, human macrophages, human monocytes, human osteoclasts, human Langerhans cells of skin, human Kupffer cells, and/or human microglia. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody induces or retains TREM2 clustering, DAP12 clustering, or both on a cell surface. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities comprise TREM2 binding to DAP12. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more DAP12 activities comprise DAP12 binding to TREM2. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12

activities, or both comprise DAP12 phosphorylation, TREM2 phosphorylation, or both. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, DAP12 phosphorylation, TREM2 phosphorylation, or both is induced by one or more SRC family tyrosine kinases. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more SRC family tyrosine kinases comprise a Syk kinase. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise PI3K activation. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory cytokines. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory mediators (e.g., cytokines) selected from the group consisting of IL-12p70, IL-6, and IL-10. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the increased expression occurs in one or more cells selected from the group consisting of macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, and microglial cells. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory cytokines. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators selected from the group consisting of IFN- α 4, IFN- β , IL-6, IL-12 p70, IL-1 β , TNF, TNF- α , IL-10, IL-8, CRP, TGF- β members of the chemokine protein families, IL-20 family members, IL-33, LIF, IFN- γ , OSM, CNTF, TGF- β , GM-CSF, IL-11, IL-12, IL-17, IL-18, and CRP. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise reduced expression of TNF- α , IL-6, or both. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the reduced expression of the one or more pro-inflammatory mediators occurs in one or more cells selected from the group consisting of macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans

cells of skin, Kupffer cells, and microglial cells. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK) phosphorylation. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise increased expression of C-C chemokine receptor 7 (CCR7). In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise induction of microglial cell chemotaxis toward CCL19 and CCL21 expressing cells. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise an enhancement, normalization, or both of the ability of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells to induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise induction of osteoclast production, increased rate of osteoclastogenesis, or both. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise increasing the survival of macrophages, microglial cells, or both. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise increasing the function of macrophages, microglial cells, dendritic cells, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and/or Kupffer cells. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the macrophages are M1 macrophages and/or microglia, M2 macrophages and/or microglia, or both. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the M1 macrophages and/or microglia are activated M1 macrophages and/or microglia. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise induction of one or more types of clearance selected from the group consisting of apoptotic neuron clearance, nerve tissue debris clearance, non-nerve tissue debris clearance, bacteria or other foreign body clearance, disease-causing protein clearance, disease-causing peptide clearance, and disease-causing nucleic acid clearance. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any

of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise induction of phagocytosis of one or more of apoptotic neurons, nerve tissue debris, non-nerve tissue debris, bacteria, other foreign bodies, disease-causing proteins, disease-causing peptides, or disease-causing nucleic acid. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the disease-causing protein is selected from the group consisting of amyloid beta or fragments thereof, Tau, IAPP, alpha-synuclein, TDP-43, FUS protein, prion protein, PrPSc, huntingtin, calcitonin, superoxide dismutase, ataxin, Lewy body, atrial natriuretic factor, islet amyloid polypeptide, insulin, apolipoprotein AI, serum amyloid A, medin, prolactin, transthyretin, lysozyme, beta 2 microglobulin, gelsolin, keratoepithelin, cystatin, immunoglobulin light chain AL, S-IBM protein, Repeat-associated non-ATG (RAN) translation products, DiPeptide repeat (DPR) peptides, glycine-alanine (GA) repeat peptides, glycine-proline (GP) repeat peptides, glycine-arginine (GR) repeat peptides, proline-alanine (PA) repeat peptides, and proline-arginine (PR) repeat peptides. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the disease-causing nucleic acid is antisense GGCCCC (G2C4) repeat-expansion RNA. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise normalization of disrupted TREM2/DAP12-dependent gene expression. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise recruitment of Syk, ZAP70, or both to a DAP12/TREM2 complex. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise Syk phosphorylation. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise increased expression of CD83 and/or CD86 on dendritic cells, macrophages, and/or monocytes. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise reduced secretion of one or more inflammatory cytokines. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more inflammatory cytokines are selected from the group consisting of TNF- α , IL-10, IL-6, MCP-1, IFN- α 4, IFN- β , IL-1 β , IL-8, CRP, TGF- β members

of the chemokine protein families, IL-20 family members, IL-33, LIF, IFN-gamma, OSM, CNTF, TGF-beta, GM-CSF, IL-11, IL-12, IL-17, IL-18, and CRP. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise reduced expression of one or more inflammatory receptors. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more inflammatory receptors comprise CD86. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise increasing phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglia under conditions of reduced levels of MCSF. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise decreasing phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglia in the presence of normal levels of MCSF. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise increasing activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2-dependent genes comprise one or more nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) transcription factors. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is of the IgG class the IgM class, or the IgA class. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is of the IgG class and has an IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, or IgG4 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody has an IgG2 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises a human IgG2 constant region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the e human IgG2 constant region comprises an Fc region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody induces the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both independently of binding to an Fc receptor. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-

gamma receptor IIB (FcγRIIB). In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the human IgG2 constant region comprises an Fc region that comprises one or more modifications. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of V234A, G237A, H268Q, V309L, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, S267E, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the human IgG2 constant region comprises a light chain constant region comprising a C214S amino acid substitution, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody has an IgG1 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises a human IgG1 constant region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the human IgG1 constant region comprises an Fc region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-gamma receptor IIB (FcγRIIB). In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more modifications. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of N297A, D265A, L234A, L235A, G237A, C226S, C229S, E233P, L234V, L234F, L235E, P331S, S267E, L328F, A330L, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises an IgG2 isotype heavy chain constant domain 1(CH1) and

hinge region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the IgG2 isotype CH1 and hinge region comprise the amino acid sequence of ASTKGPSVFP LAPCSRSTSE STAALGCLVK DYFPEPVTVS WNSGALTSGVHTFPAVLQSS GLYSLSSVVT VPSSNFGTQT YTCNVDHKPS NTKVDKTVERKCCVECPPCP (SEQ ID NO: 397). In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody Fc region comprises a S267E amino acid substitution, a L328F amino acid substitution, or both, and/or a N297A or N297Q amino acid substitution, wherein the numbering of the residues on IgG1 is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises a mouse IgG1 constant region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody has an IgG4 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises a human IgG4 constant region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the human IgG4 constant region comprises an Fc region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-gamma receptor IIB (FcγIIB). In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more modifications. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of L235A, G237A, S228P, L236E, S267E, E318A, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody has a hybrid IgG2/4 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises an amino acid sequence comprising amino acids 118 to 260 of human IgG2 and amino acids 261 to 447 of human IgG4, wherein the numbering of the residues is

according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises a mouse IgG4 constant region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, human DAP12, and naturally occurring variant of human DAP12, and wherein the antibody fragment is cross-linked to a second antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, human DAP12, and naturally occurring variant of human DAP12. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the fragment is an Fab, Fab', Fab'-SH, F(ab')₂, Fv or scFv fragment.

[0028] The present disclosure relates to an isolated inert antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein. The present disclosure also relates to an isolated antagonist antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein.

[0029] In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the TREM2 protein, the DAP12 protein, or both is a mammalian protein or a human protein. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the TREM2 protein, the DAP12 protein, or both is a wild-type protein. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the TREM2 protein, the DAP12 protein, or both is a naturally occurring variant. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody inhibits one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise decreasing activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2-dependent genes comprise one or more nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) transcription factors. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise decreasing the survival of macrophages, microglial cells, M1 macrophages, M1 microglial cells, M2

macrophages, M2 microglial cells, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, and/or dendritic cells. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody inhibits interaction between TREM2 and one or more TREM2 ligands, inhibits TREM2 signal transduction, or both. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is incapable of binding an Fc-gamma receptor (Fc γ R). In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody has an IgG1 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises a human IgG1 constant region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the human IgG1 constant region comprises an Fc region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more modifications. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of N297A, N297Q, D265A, L234A, L235A, C226S, C229S, P238S, E233P, L234V, P238A, A327Q, A327G, P329A, K322A, L234F, L235E, P331S, T394D, A330L, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region further comprises an amino acid deletion at a position corresponding to glycine 236 according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises a mouse IgG1 constant region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody has an IgG2 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises a human IgG2 constant region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the human IgG2 constant region comprises an Fc region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more modifications. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding

embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of V234A, G237A, H268E, V309L, N297A, N297Q, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody has an IgG4 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises a human IgG4 constant region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the human IgG4 constant region comprises an Fc region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more modifications. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of E233P, F234V, L235A, G237A, E318A, S228P, L236E, S241P, L248E, T394D, M252Y, S254T, T256E, N297A, N297Q, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, human DAP12, and naturally occurring variant of human DAP12. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the fragment is an Fab, Fab', Fab'-SH, F(ab')₂, Fv or scFv fragment.

[0030] In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region further comprises one or more additional amino acid substitutions at a position selected from the group consisting of A330L, L234F, L235E, P331S, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region further comprises one or more additional amino acid substitutions at

a position selected from the group consisting of M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region further comprises a S228P amino acid substitution according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody competes for binding of TREM2 with one or more TREM2 ligands. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 ligands are selected from the group consisting of *E. coli* cells, apoptotic cells, nucleic acids, anionic lipids, zwitterionic lipids, negatively charged phospholipids, phosphatidylserine, sulfatides, phosphatidylcholin, sphingomyelin, membrane phospholipids, lipidated proteins, proteolipids, lipidated peptides, and lipidated amyloid beta peptide. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is a human antibody, a humanized antibody, a bispecific antibody, a multivalent antibody, a conjugated antibody, or a chimeric antibody. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is a bispecific antibody recognizing a first antigen and a second antigen. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the first antigen is human TREM2 or a naturally occurring variant thereof, and the second antigen is a disease-causing protein selected from the group consisting of amyloid beta or fragments thereof, Tau, IAPP, alpha-synuclein, TDP-43, FUS protein, prion protein, PrPSc, huntingtin, calcitonin, superoxide dismutase, ataxin, Lewy body, atrial natriuretic factor, islet amyloid polypeptide, insulin, apolipoprotein AI, serum amyloid A, medin, prolactin, transthyretin, lysozyme, beta 2 microglobulin, gelsolin, keratoepithelin, cystatin, immunoglobulin light chain AL, S-IBM protein, Repeat-associated non-ATG (RAN) translation products, DiPeptide repeat (DPR) peptides, glycine-alanine (GA) repeat peptides, glycine-proline (GP) repeat peptides, glycine-arginine (GR) repeat peptides, proline-alanine (PA) repeat peptides, and proline-arginine (PR) repeat peptides; a blood brain barrier targeting protein selected from the group consisting of: transferrin receptor, insulin receptor, insulin like growth factor receptor, LRP-1, and LRP1; or ligands and/or proteins expressed on immune cells. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated

antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, human DAP12, and naturally occurring variant of human DAP12; and wherein the antibody is used in combination with one or more antibodies that specifically bind a disease-causing protein selected from the group consisting of: amyloid beta or fragments thereof, Tau, IAPP, alpha-synuclein, TDP-43, FUS protein, prion protein, PrPSc, huntingtin, calcitonin, superoxide dismutase, ataxin, Lewy body, atrial natriuretic factor, islet amyloid polypeptide, insulin, apolipoprotein AI, serum amyloid A, medin, prolactin, transthyretin, lysozyme, beta 2 microglobulin, gelsolin, keratoepithelin, cystatin, immunoglobulin light chain AL, S-IBM protein, Repeat-associated non-ATG (RAN) translation products, DiPeptide repeat (DPR) peptides, glycine-alanine (GA) repeat peptides, glycine-proline (GP) repeat peptides, glycine-arginine (GR) repeat peptides, proline-alanine (PA) repeat peptides, and proline-arginine (PR) repeat peptides, and any combination thereof. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

[0031] In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody binds to a linear epitope on TREM2. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the linear epitope on TREM2 is located within the extracellular domain of TREM2. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the linear epitope on TREM2 is located within the extracellular immunoglobulin-like variable-type (IgV) domain of TREM2. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody binds to a TREM2 protein, and wherein the isolated antibody binds to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of: i. amino acid residues 29-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 29-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1; ii. amino acid residues 29-41 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 29-41 of SEQ ID NO: 1; iii. amino acid residues 40-44 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 40-44 of SEQ ID NO: 1; iv. amino acid residues 47-69 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino

acid residues 47-69 of SEQ ID NO: 1; v. amino acid residues 67-76 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 67-76 of SEQ ID NO: 1; vi. amino acid residues 76-86 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 76-86 of SEQ ID NO: 1; vii. amino acid residues 91-100 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 91-100 of SEQ ID NO: 1; viii. amino acid residues 99-115 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 99-115 of SEQ ID NO: 1; ix. amino acid residues 104-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 104-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and x. amino acid residues 114-118 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 114-118 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody binds to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody binds to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 49-57 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 49-57 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody binds to an epitope comprising one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody binds to an epitope comprising one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody binds to an epitope comprising one or more amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of: i. amino acid residue Arg47 or Asp87 of SEQ ID NO: 1; ii. amino acid residues 40-44 of SEQ ID NO: 1; iii. amino acid residues 67-76 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and iv. amino acid residues 114-118 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody binds to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 22-40 of SEQ ID NO: 2, or amino acid residues on a DAP12 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 22-

40 of SEQ ID NO: 2. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is a bispecific antibody that binds to one or more amino acids selected from the group consisting of: i. one or more amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO: 1; and ii. one or more amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO: 2, or amino acid residues on a DAP12 protein corresponding to amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO: 2.

[0032] In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and/or HVR-H3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab52; and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and/or HVR-L3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab52. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-H1 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:398. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-H2 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:399. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-H3 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:400. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-L1 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:401. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-L2 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:402. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-L3 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:403. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises: (a) an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:398, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:398; (b) an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:399, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:399; and; and/or (c) an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:400, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid

sequence of SEQ ID NO:400; and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises: (a) an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:401, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:401; (b) an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:402, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:402; and/or (c) an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:403, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:403. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and/or HVR-H3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab21; and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and/or HVR-L3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab21. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-H1 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:404. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-H2 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:405. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-H3 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:406. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-L1 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:407. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-L2 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:408. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-L3 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:409. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises: (a) an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:404, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:404; (b) an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:405, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:405; and/or (c) an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:406, or an amino acid

sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:406, and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises: (a) an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:407, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:407; (b) an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:408, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:408; and/or (c) an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:409, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:409.

[0033] The present disclosure relates to an isolated anti-human TREM2 antibody, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and/or HVR-H3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab52; and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and/or HVR-L3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab52. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-H1 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:398. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-H2 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:399. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-H3 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:400. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-L1 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:401. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-L2 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:402. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-L3 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:403. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:398, an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:399, and an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:400, and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:401,

an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:402, and an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:403.

[0034] The present disclosure also relates to an isolated anti-human TREM2 antibody, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises: (a) an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:398, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:398; (b) an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:399, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:399; and; and/or (c) an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:400, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:400; and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises: (a) an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:401, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:401; (b) an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:402, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:402; and/or (c) an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:403, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:403.

[0035] The present disclosure also relates to an isolated anti-human TREM2 antibody, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and/or HVR-H3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab21; and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and/or HVR-L3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab21. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-H1 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:404. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-H2 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:405. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-H3 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:406. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-

L1 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:407. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-L2 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:408. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the HVR-L3 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:409. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:404, an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:405, and an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:406, and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:407, an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:408, and an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:409.

[0036] The present disclosure also relates to an isolated anti-human TREM2 antibody, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises: (a) an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:404, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:404; (b) an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:405, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:405; and/or (c) an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:406, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:406, and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises: (a) an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:407, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:407; (b) an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:408, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:408; and/or (c) an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:409, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:409.

[0037] The present disclosure also relates to an isolated anti-human TREM2 antibody which binds essentially the same TREM2 epitope as the antibody Ab52. The present disclosure also relates to an isolated anti-human TREM2 antibody which binds essentially the same TREM2 epitope as the antibody Ab21.

[0038] In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is an agonist antibody, and wherein the antibody induces one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody induces or retains TREM2 clustering, DAP12 clustering, or both on a cell surface. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both are selected from the group consisting of TREM2 binding to DAP12; DAP12 binding to TREM2; TREM2 phosphorylation, DAP12 phosphorylation; PI3K activation; increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory mediators (e.g., cytokines) selected from the group consisting of IL-12p70, IL-6, and IL-10; reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators selected from the group consisting of IFN- α 4, IFN- β , IL-6, IL-12 p70, IL-1 β , TNF, TNF- α , IL-10, IL-8, CRP, TGF- β members of the chemokine protein families, IL-20 family members, IL-33, LIF, IFN- γ , OSM, CNTF, TGF- β , GM-CSF, IL-11, IL-12, IL-17, IL-18, and CRP; reduced expression of TNF- α , IL-6, or both; extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK) phosphorylation; increased expression of C-C chemokine receptor 7 (CCR7); induction of microglial cell chemotaxis toward CCL19 and CCL21 expressing cells; an increase, normalization, or both of the ability of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells to induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation; induction of osteoclast production, increased rate of osteoclastogenesis, or both; increasing the survival and/or function of one or more of dendritic cells, macrophages, microglial cells, M1 macrophages and/or microglial cells, activated M1 macrophages and/or microglial cells, M2 macrophages and/or microglial cells, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and Kupffer cells; induction of one or more types of clearance selected from the group consisting of apoptotic neuron clearance, nerve tissue debris clearance, non-nerve tissue debris clearance, bacteria or other foreign body clearance, disease-causing protein clearance, disease-causing peptide clearance, and disease-causing nucleic acid

clearance; induction of phagocytosis of one or more of apoptotic neurons, nerve tissue debris, non-nerve tissue debris, bacteria, other foreign bodies, disease-causing proteins, disease-causing peptides, or disease-causing nucleic acids; normalization of disrupted TREM2/DAP12-dependent gene expression; recruitment of Syk, ZAP70, or both to the TREM2/DAP12 complex; Syk phosphorylation; increased expression of CD83 and/or CD86 on dendritic cells, macrophages, monocytes, and/or microglia; reduced secretion of one or more inflammatory cytokines selected from the group consisting of TNF- α , IL-10, IL-6, MCP-1, IFN- α 4, IFN- β , IL-1 β , IL-8, CRP, TGF- β members of the chemokine protein families, IL-20 family members, IL-33, LIF, IFN- γ , OSM, CNTF, TGF- β , GM-CSF, IL-11, IL-12, IL-17, IL-18, and CRP; reduced expression of one or more inflammatory receptors; increasing phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglia under conditions of reduced levels of MCSF; decreasing phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglia in the presence of normal levels of MCSF; increasing activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes; and any combination thereof. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is of the IgG class the IgM class, or the IgA class. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is of the IgG class and has an IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, or IgG4 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody has an IgG2 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises a human IgG2 constant region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the human IgG2 constant region comprises an Fc region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody induces the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both independently of binding to an Fc receptor. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc- γ receptor IIB (Fc γ IIB). In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more modifications. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region

comprises one or more amino acid substitutions. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of V234A, G237A, H268Q, V309L, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, S267E, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the human IgG2 constant region comprises a light chain constant region comprising a C214S amino acid substitution, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody has an IgG1 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises a human IgG1 constant region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the human IgG1 constant region comprises an Fc region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-gamma receptor IIB (FcγRIIB). In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more modifications. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of N297A, D265A, L234A, L235A, G237A, C226S, C229S, E233P, L234V, L234F, L235E, P331S, S267E, L328F, A330L, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises an IgG2 isotype heavy chain constant domain 1(CH1) and hinge region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the IgG2 isotype CH1 and hinge region comprise the amino acid sequence of ASTKGPSVFP LAPCSRSTSE STAALGCLVK DYFPEPVTVS

WNSGALTSGVHTFPAVLQSS GLYSLSSVVT VPSSNFGTQT YTCNVDHKPS
NTKVDKTVERKCCVECPPCP (SEQ ID NO: 397). In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody Fc region comprises a S267E amino acid substitution, a L328F amino acid substitution, or both, and/or a N297A or N297Q amino acid substitution, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises a mouse IgG1 constant region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody has an IgG4 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises a human IgG4 constant region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the human IgG4 constant region comprises an Fc region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-gamma receptor IIB (FcγIIB). In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more modifications. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of L235A, G237A, S228P, L236E, S267E, E318A, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody has a hybrid IgG2/4 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises an amino acid sequence comprising amino acids 118 to 260 of human IgG2 and amino acids 261 to 447 of human IgG4, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises a mouse IgG4 constant region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated

antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, human DAP12, and naturally occurring variant of human DAP12, and wherein the antibody fragment is cross-linked to a second antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, human DAP12, and naturally occurring variant of human DAP12. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the fragment is an Fab, Fab', Fab'-SH, F(ab')₂, Fv or scFv fragment. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is an inert antibody. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is an antagonist antibody. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody inhibits one or more TREM2 activities. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities are selected from the group consisting of decreasing activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes; decreasing activity of one or more nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) transcription factors; decreasing the survival of macrophages, microglial cells, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, and/or dendritic cells; and any combination thereof. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody inhibits interaction between TREM2 and one or more TREM2 ligands, inhibits TREM2 signal transduction, or both. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is incapable of binding an Fc-gamma receptor (FcγR). In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody has an IgG1 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises a human IgG1 constant region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the human IgG1 constant region comprises an Fc region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more modifications. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the

preceding embodiments, the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of N297A, N297Q, D265A, L234A, L235A, C226S, C229S, P238S, E233P, L234V, P238A, A327Q, A327G, P329A, K322A, L234F, L235E, P331S, T394D, A330L, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region further comprises an amino acid deletion at a position corresponding to glycine 236 according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises a mouse IgG1 constant region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody has an IgG2 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises a human IgG2 constant region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the human IgG2 constant region comprises an Fc region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more modifications. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of V234A, G237A, H268E, V309L, N297A, N297Q, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody has an IgG4 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises a human IgG4 constant region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the human IgG4 constant region comprises an Fc region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more modifications. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the

preceding embodiments, the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of E233P, F234V, L235A, G237A, E318A, S228P, L236E, S241P, L248E, T394D, M252Y, S254T, T256E, N297A, N297Q, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, human DAP12, and naturally occurring variant of human DAP12. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the fragment is an Fab, Fab', Fab'-SH, F(ab')₂, Fv or scFv fragment. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region further comprises one or more additional amino acid substitutions at a position selected from the group consisting of A330L, L234F; L235E, P331S, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region further comprises one or more additional amino acid substitutions at a position selected from the group consisting of M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region further comprises a S228P amino acid substitution according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is a human antibody, a humanized antibody, a bispecific antibody, a multivalent antibody, or a chimeric antibody. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is a bispecific antibody recognizing a first antigen and a second antigen. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

[0039] The present disclosure relates to an isolated antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein, wherein the isolated antibody promotes survival of one or more innate immune cells. The present disclosure also relates to an isolated antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein, wherein the isolated antibody increases expression of IL-6. The

present disclosure also relates to an isolated antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein, wherein the isolated antibody promotes survival of one or more innate immune cells or increases expression of IL-6. The present disclosure also relates to an isolated antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein, wherein the isolated antibody promotes survival of one or more innate immune cells and increases expression of IL-6. In certain embodiments, the one or more innate immune cells are selected from the group consisting of macrophages, microglial cells, M1 microglial cells, activated M1 microglial cells, M2 microglial cells, dendritic cells, M1 macrophages, activated M1 macrophages, M2 macrophages, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, and any combination thereof. In certain embodiments, the one or more innate immune cells are macrophages. In certain embodiments, the one or more innate immune cells are microglial cells. In certain embodiments, the one or more innate immune cells are M1 microglial cells. In certain embodiments, the one or more innate immune cells are activated M1 microglial cells. In certain embodiments, the one or more innate immune cells are M2 microglial cells. In certain embodiments, the one or more innate immune cells are dendritic cells (DCs). In certain embodiments, the one or more innate immune cells are M1 macrophages. In certain embodiments, the one or more innate immune cells are activated M1 macrophages. In certain embodiments, the one or more innate immune cells are M2 macrophages. In certain embodiments, the one or more innate immune cells are monocytes. In certain embodiments, the one or more innate immune cells are osteoclasts. In certain embodiments, the one or more innate immune cells are Langerhans cells of skin. In certain embodiments, the one or more innate immune cells are Kupffer cells.

[0040] The present disclosure relates to an isolated antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein, wherein the isolated antibody binds to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of: i. amino acid residues 29-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 29-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1; ii. amino acid residues 29-41 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 29-41 of SEQ ID NO: 1; iii. amino acid residues 40-44 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 40-44 of SEQ ID NO: 1; iv. amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or

amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1; v. amino acid residues 49-57 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 49-57 of SEQ ID NO: 1; vi. amino acid residues 47-69 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 47-69 of SEQ ID NO: 1; vii. amino acid residues 67-76 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 67-76 of SEQ ID NO: 1; viii. amino acid residues 76-86 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 76-86 of SEQ ID NO: 1; ix. amino acid residues 91-100 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 91-100 of SEQ ID NO: 1; x. amino acid residues 99-115 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 99-115 of SEQ ID NO: 1; xi. amino acid residues 104-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 104-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1; xii. amino acid residues 114-118 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 114-118 of SEQ ID NO: 1; xiii. amino acid residues 130-171 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 130-171 of SEQ ID NO: 1; xiv. amino acid residues 139-146 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 139-146 of SEQ ID NO: 1; xv. amino acid residues 140-153 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 140-153 of SEQ ID NO: 1; xvi. amino acid residues 130-144 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 130-144 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and xvii. amino acid residues 158-171 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 158-171 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In certain embodiments, the isolated antibody binds to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In certain embodiments, the isolated antibody binds to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 49-57 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 49-57 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In certain embodiments, the isolated antibody binds to one or more amino acids within amino

acid residues 139-146 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 49-57 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In certain embodiments, the isolated antibody binds to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 140-153 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 140-153 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In certain embodiments, the isolated antibody binds to an epitope comprising one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In certain embodiments, the isolated antibody binds to an epitope comprising one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 49-57 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In certain embodiments, the isolated antibody binds to an epitope comprising one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 139-146 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In certain embodiments, the isolated antibody binds to an epitope comprising one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 140-153 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

[0041] In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the TREM2 protein is a mammalian protein or a human protein. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the TREM2 protein is a wild-type protein. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the TREM2 protein is a naturally occurring variant. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is an agonist antibody, and wherein the antibody induces one or more TREM2 activities. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody induces or retains TREM2 clustering on a cell surface. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities are selected from the group consisting of: i. TREM2 binding to DAP12; ii. DAP12 phosphorylation; iii. increasing the survival of macrophages, microglial cells, M1 microglial cells, activated M1 microglial cells, M2 microglial cells, dendritic cells, macrophages, M1 macrophages, activated M1 macrophages, M2 macrophages, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and/or Kupffer cells; iv. Syk phosphorylation; v. increased expression of CD83 and/or CD86 on dendritic cells; vi. increasing phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglia; vii. increasing activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes, optionally wherein the one or more TREM2-dependent genes comprise one or more nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) transcription

factors; and viii. increasing expression of one or more mediators selected from the group consisting of IL-12p70, IL-6, and IL-10. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is of the IgG class the IgM class, or the IgA class. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is of the IgG class and has an IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, or IgG4 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody has an IgG2 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises a human IgG2 constant region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the human IgG2 constant region comprises an Fc region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody induces the one or more TREM2 activities independently of binding to an Fc receptor. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-gamma receptor IIB (FcγIIB). In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments: i. the isolated antibody has a human IgG2 isotype and comprises one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region at a residue position selected from the group consisting of V234A, G237A, H268Q, V309L, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, S267E, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering; ii. the isolated antibody has a human IgG2 isotype, wherein the human IgG2 comprises a constant region, and wherein the human IgG2 constant region comprises a light chain constant region comprising a C214S amino acid substitution, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering; iii. the isolated antibody has a human or mouse IgG1 isotype and comprises one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region at a residue position selected from the group consisting of N297A, D265A, L234A, L235A, G237A, C226S, C229S, E233P, L234V, L234F, L235E, P331S, S267E, L328F, A330L, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering; iv. the isolated antibody has an IgG1 isotype and comprises an IgG2 isotype heavy chain constant domain 1(CH1) and hinge region, optionally wherein the IgG2 isotype CH1 and

hinge region comprise the amino acid sequence of ASTKGPSVFP LAPCSRSTSE STAALGCLVK DYFPEPVTVS WNSGALTSGVHTFPAVLQSS GLYSLSSVVT VPSSNFGTQT YTCNVDPHKPS NTKVDKTVERKCCVECPPCP (SEQ ID NO: 397), and optionally wherein the antibody Fc region comprises a S267E amino acid substitution, a L328F amino acid substitution, or both, and/or a N297A or N297Q amino acid substitution, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering; v. the isolated antibody has a human or mouse IgG4 isotype and comprises one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region at a residue position selected from the group consisting of L235A, G237A, S228P, L236E, S267E, E318A, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering; or vi. the isolated antibody has a hybrid IgG2/4 isotype, optionally wherein the antibody comprises an amino acid sequence comprising amino acids 118 to 260 of human IgG2 and amino acids 261 to 447 of human IgG4, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or, Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is an inert antibody. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is an antagonist antibody. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody inhibits one or more TREM2 activities. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the inhibited one or more TREM2 activities are selected from the group consisting of decreasing activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes; decreasing activity of one or more nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) transcription factors; decreasing the survival of macrophages, microglial cells, M1 macrophages, M1 microglial cells, M2 macrophages, M2 microglial cells, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, and/or dendritic cells; decreased expression of one or more mediators selected from the group consisting of IL-12p70, IL-6, and IL-10; and any combination thereof. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody inhibits interaction between TREM2 and one or more TREM2 ligands, inhibits TREM2 signal transduction, or both. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is incapable of binding an Fc-gamma receptor (FcγR). In certain embodiments that may

be combined with any of the preceding embodiments: i. the isolated antibody has a human or mouse IgG1 isotype and comprises one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of N297A, N297Q, D265A, L234A, L235A, C226S, C229S, P238S, E233P, L234V, P238A, A327Q, A327G, P329A, K322A, L234F, L235E, P331S, T394D, A330L, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering, optionally wherein the Fc region further comprises an amino acid deletion at a position corresponding to glycine 236 according to EU or Kabat numbering; ii. the isolated antibody has a human IgG2 isotype and comprises one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of V234A, G237A, H268E, V309L, N297A, N297Q, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering; or iii. the isolated antibody has a human or mouse IgG4 isotype and comprises one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of E233P, F234V, L235A, G237A, E318A, S228P, L236E, S241P, L248E, T394D, M252Y, S254T, T256E, N297A, N297Q, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region further comprises one or more additional amino acid substitutions at a position selected from the group consisting of A330L, L234F; L235E, P331S, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region further comprises a S228P amino acid substitution according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region further comprises one or more additional amino acid substitutions at a position selected from the group consisting of M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, and a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, and

wherein the antibody fragment is cross-linked to a second antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, human DAP12, and naturally occurring variant of human DAP12. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment, and wherein the antibody fragment is an Fab, Fab', Fab'-SH, F(ab')₂, Fv or scFv fragment. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody competes for binding of TREM2 with one or more TREM2 ligands. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 ligands are selected from the group consisting of *E. coli* cells, apoptotic cells, nucleic acids, anionic lipids, zwitterionic lipids, negatively charged phospholipids, phosphatidylserine, sulfatides, phosphatidylcholin, sphingomyelin, membrane phospholipids, lipidated proteins, proteolipids, lipidated peptides, and lipidated amyloid beta peptide. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is a human antibody, a humanized antibody, a bispecific antibody, a multivalent antibody, or a chimeric antibody. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is a bispecific antibody recognizing a first antigen and a second antigen. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the first antigen is human TREM2 or a naturally occurring variant thereof, and the second antigen is a disease-causing protein selected from the group consisting of amyloid beta or fragments thereof, Tau, IAPP, alpha-synuclein, TDP-43, FUS protein, prion protein, PrPSc, huntingtin, calcitonin, superoxide dismutase, ataxin, Lewy body, atrial natriuretic factor, islet amyloid polypeptide, insulin, apolipoprotein AI, serum amyloid A, medin, prolactin, transthyretin, lysozyme, beta 2 microglobulin, gelsolin, keratoepithelin, cystatin, immunoglobulin light chain AL, S-IBM protein, Repeat-associated non-ATG (RAN) translation products, DiPeptide repeat (DPR) peptides, glycine-alanine (GA) repeat peptides, glycine-proline (GP) repeat peptides, glycine-arginine (GR) repeat peptides, proline-alanine (PA) repeat peptides, and proline-arginine (PR) repeat peptides; or a blood brain barrier targeting protein selected from the group consisting of: transferrin receptor, insulin receptor, insulin like growth factor receptor, LRP-1, and LRP1. In certain embodiments that may be

combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, and a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2; and wherein the antibody is used in combination with one or more antibodies that specifically bind a disease-causing protein selected from the group consisting of: amyloid beta or fragments thereof, Tau, IAPP, alpha-synuclein, TDP-43, FUS protein, prion protein, PrPSc, huntingtin, calcitonin, superoxide dismutase, ataxin, Lewy body, atrial natriuretic factor, islet amyloid polypeptide, insulin, apolipoprotein AI, serum amyloid A, medin, prolactin, transthyretin, lysozyme, beta 2 microglobulin, gelsolin, keratoepithelin, cystatin, immunoglobulin light chain AL, S-IBM protein, Repeat-associated non-ATG (RAN) translation products, DiPeptide repeat (DPR) peptides, glycine-alanine (GA) repeat peptides, glycine-proline (GP) repeat peptides, glycine-arginine (GR) repeat peptides, proline-alanine (PA) repeat peptides, and proline-arginine (PR) repeat peptides, and any combination thereof. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is a monoclonal antibody. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is a bispecific antibody that binds to TREM2 and DAP12.

[0042] In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises: (a) an HVR-H1 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:3-24, 398, and 404; an HVR-H2 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:25-49, 399, and 405; and (c) an HVR-H3 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:50-119, 400, and 406; and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises: (a) an HVR-L1 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:120-137, 401, and 407; (b) an HVR-L2 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:138-152, 402, and 408; and (c) an HVR-L3 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:153-236, 403, and 409.

[0043] The present disclosure relates to an isolated anti-human TREM2 antibody, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises: (a) an HVR-H1 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:3-24, 398, and 404; an HVR-H2 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:25-49, 399, and 405; and (c) an HVR-H3 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:50-119, 400, and 406; and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises: (a) an HVR-L1 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:120-137, 401, and 407; (b) an HVR-L2 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:138-152, 402, and 408; and (c) an HVR-L3 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:153-236, 403, and 409. The present disclosure also relates to an isolated anti-human TREM2 antibody which binds essentially the same TREM2 epitope as a monoclonal antibody selected from the group consisting of: Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab21, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab52, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87. The present disclosure also relates to an isolated anti-human TREM2 antibody which competes with a monoclonal antibody selected from the group consisting of: Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab21, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab52, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87 for binding to TREM2.

[0044] In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is an agonist antibody, and wherein the antibody induces one or more TREM2 activities. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody induces or retains TREM2 clustering on a cell surface. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities are selected from the group consisting of TREM2 binding to DAP12; DAP12 phosphorylation; increasing the survival of macrophages, microglial cells, M1 microglial cells, activated M1 microglial cells, M2 microglial cells, dendritic cells, macrophages, M1 macrophages, activated M1 macrophages, M2 macrophages, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and/or Kupffer cells; increased expression of IL-6; Syk phosphorylation; increased expression of CD83 and/or CD86 on dendritic cells; increasing phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglia; and increasing activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes, optionally wherein the one or more TREM2-dependent genes comprise one or more nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) transcription factors; and any combination thereof. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is of the IgG class the IgM class, or the IgA class. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is of the IgG class and has an IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, or IgG4 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody has an IgG2 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises a human IgG2 constant region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the human IgG2 constant region comprises an Fc region. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody induces the one or more TREM2 activities independently of binding to an Fc receptor. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-gamma receptor IIB (FcγIIB). In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments: i. the isolated antibody has a human IgG2 isotype and comprises one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region at a

residue position selected from the group consisting of V234A, G237A, H268Q, V309L, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, S267E, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering; ii. the isolated antibody has a human IgG2 isotype, wherein the human IgG2 comprises a constant region, and wherein the human IgG2 constant region comprises a light chain constant region comprising a C214S amino acid substitution, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering; iii. the isolated antibody has a human or mouse IgG1 isotype and comprises one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region at a residue position selected from the group consisting of N297A, D265A, L234A, L235A, G237A, C226S, C229S, E233P, L234V, L234F, L235E, P331S, S267E, L328F, A330L, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering; iv. the isolated antibody has an IgG1 isotype and comprises an IgG2 isotype heavy chain constant domain 1(CH1) and hinge region, optionally wherein the IgG2 isotype CH1 and hinge region comprise the amino acid sequence of ASTKGPSVFP LAPCSRSTSE STAALGCLVK DYFPEPVTVS WNSGALTSGVHTFPAVLQSS GLYSLSSVVT VPSSNFGTQT YTCNVDHKPS NTKVDKTVKCCVECP (SEQ ID NO: 397), and optionally wherein the antibody Fc region comprises a S267E amino acid substitution, a L328F amino acid substitution, or both, and/or a N297A or N297Q amino acid substitution, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering; v. the isolated antibody has a human or mouse IgG1 isotype and comprises one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region at a residue position selected from the group consisting of L235A, G237A, S228P, L236E, S267E, E318A, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering; or vi. the isolated antibody has a hybrid IgG2/4 isotype, optionally wherein the antibody comprises an amino acid sequence comprising amino acids 118 to 260 of human IgG2 and amino acids 261 to 447 of human IgG4, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, and a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, and wherein the antibody fragment

is cross-linked to a second antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, human DAP12, and naturally occurring variant of human DAP12. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment, and wherein the antibody fragment is an Fab, Fab', Fab'-SH, F(ab')₂, Fv or scFv fragment. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is an inert antibody. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is an antagonist antibody. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody inhibits one or more TREM2 activities. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the inhibited one or more TREM2 activities are selected from the group consisting of decreasing activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes; decreasing activity of one or more nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) transcription factors; decreasing the survival of macrophages, microglial cells, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, and/or dendritic cells; decreased expression of one or more mediators selected from the group consisting of IL-12p70, IL-6, and IL-10; and any combination thereof. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody inhibits interaction between TREM2 and one or more TREM2 ligands, inhibits TREM2 signal transduction, or both. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is incapable of binding an Fc-gamma receptor (FcγR). In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments: i. the isolated antibody has a human or mouse IgG1 isotype and comprises one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of N297A, N297Q, D265A, L234A, L235A, C226S, C229S, P238S, E233P, L234V, P238A, A327Q, A327G, P329A, K322A, L234F, L235E, P331S, T394D, A330L, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering, optionally wherein the Fc region further comprises an amino acid deletion at a position corresponding to glycine 236 according to EU or Kabat numbering; ii. the isolated antibody has a human IgG2 isotype and comprises one or more

amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of V234A, G237A, H268E, V309L, N297A, N297Q, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering; or iii. the isolated antibody has a human or mouse IgG4 isotype and comprises one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of E233P, F234V, L235A, G237A, E318A, S228P, L236E, S241P, L248E, T394D, M252Y, S254T, T256E, N297A, N297Q, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, and a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment, and wherein the antibody fragment is an Fab, Fab', Fab'-SH, F(ab')₂, Fv or scFv fragment. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region further comprises one or more additional amino acid substitutions at a position selected from the group consisting of A330L, L234F; L235E, P331S, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region further comprises a S228P amino acid substitution according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the Fc region further comprises one or more additional amino acid substitutions at a position selected from the group consisting of M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is a human antibody, a humanized antibody, a bispecific antibody, a multivalent antibody, or a chimeric antibody. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is a bispecific antibody recognizing a first antigen and a second antigen. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

[0045] In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody binds specifically to both human TREM2 and mouse TREM2. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody has dissociation constant (K_D) for human TREM2 and mouse TREM2 that ranges from less than about 5.75 nM to less than about 0.09 nM. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody has dissociation constant (K_D) for human TREM2-Fc fusion protein that ranges from less than about 1.51 nM to less than about 0.35 nM. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody has dissociation constant (K_D) for human monomeric TREM2 protein that ranges from less than about 5.75 nM to less than about 1.15 nM. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody has dissociation constant (K_D) for mouse TREM2-Fc fusion protein that ranges from less than about 0.23 nM to less than about 0.09 nM. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody has dissociation constant (K_D) for human TREM2 and mouse TREM2 that ranges from less than about 6.70 nM to less than about 0.23 nM. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody has dissociation constant (K_D) for human TREM2-Fc fusion protein that ranges from less than about 0.71 nM to less than about 0.23 nM. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody has dissociation constant (K_D) for human monomeric TREM2 protein that ranges from less than about 6.70 nM to less than about 0.66 nM. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody has dissociation constant (K_D) for mouse TREM2-Fc fusion protein that ranges from less than about 4.90 nM to less than about 0.35 nM.

[0046] The present disclosure relates to an isolated nucleic acid encoding the antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments. The present disclosure also relates to a vector comprising the nucleic acid of any one of the preceding embodiments. The present disclosure also relates to a host cell comprising the vector of any one of the preceding embodiments. The present disclosure also relates to an isolated host cell comprising

the vector of any one of the preceding embodiments. The present disclosure also relates to a method of producing an antibody, comprising culturing the cell of any one of the preceding embodiments so that the antibody is produced. In certain embodiments, the method further comprises recovering the antibody produced by the cell. The present disclosure also relates to an isolated antibody produced by any of the preceding methods of producing an antibody. The present disclosure also relates to a pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

[0047] The present disclosure relates to a method of preventing, reducing risk, or treating an individual having a disease, disorder, or injury selected from the group consisting of dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, and multiple sclerosis, comprising administering to the individual a therapeutically effective amount of an isolated agonist antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments. The present disclosure also relates to an isolated agonist antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments for use in preventing, reducing risk, or treating an individual having a disease, disorder, or injury selected from the group consisting of dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, and multiple sclerosis. The present disclosure also relates to use of an isolated agonist antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments in the manufacture of a medicament for preventing, reducing risk, or treating an individual having a disease, disorder, or injury selected from the group consisting of dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, and multiple sclerosis. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the individual has a heterozygous variant of TREM2, wherein the variant comprises one or more substitutions selected from the group consisting of: i. a glutamic acid to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Glu14 of SEQ ID NO: 1; ii. a glutamine to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Gln33 of SEQ ID NO: 1; iii. a tryptophan to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Trp44 of SEQ ID NO: 1; iv. an arginine to histidine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Arg47 of SEQ ID NO: 1; v. a tryptophan to stop codon substitution in the

nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Trp78 of SEQ ID NO: 1; vi. a valine to glycine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Val126 of SEQ ID NO: 1; vii. an aspartic acid to glycine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Asp134 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and viii. a lysine to asparagine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Lys186 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the individual has a heterozygous variant of TREM2, wherein the variant comprises a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G313 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 1; a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G267 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 1; or both. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the individual has a heterozygous variant of DAP12, wherein the variant comprises one or more variants selected from the group consisting of: i. a methionine to threonine substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Met1 of SEQ ID NO: 2; ii. a glycine to arginine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Gly49 of SEQ ID NO: 2; iii. a deletion within exons 1-4 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2; iv. an insertion of 14 amino acid residues at exon 3 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2; and v. a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G141 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2.

[0048] The present disclosure relates to a method of inducing or promoting innate immune cell survival in an individual in need thereof, comprising administering to the individual a therapeutically effective amount of an isolated agonist antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments. The present disclosure also relates to an isolated agonist antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments for use in inducing or promoting innate immune cell survival in an individual in need thereof. The present disclosure also relates to use of an isolated agonist antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments in the manufacture of a medicament for inducing or promoting innate immune cell survival in an individual in need thereof. The present disclosure also relates to a method of inducing or promoting wound healing in an individual in need thereof, comprising administering to the

individual a therapeutically effective amount of an isolated agonist antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein. The present disclosure also relates to an isolated agonist antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein for use in inducing or promoting wound healing in an individual in need thereof. The present disclosure also relates to use of an isolated agonist antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein in the manufacture of a medicament for inducing or promoting wound healing in an individual in need thereof.

[0049] The present disclosure relates to a method of decreasing innate immune cell survival in an individual in need thereof, comprising administering to the individual a therapeutically effective amount of an isolated antagonist antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments. The present disclosure also relates to an isolated antagonist antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments for use in decreasing innate immune cell survival in an individual in need thereof. The present disclosure also relates to use of an isolated antagonist antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments in the manufacture of a medicament for decreasing innate immune cell survival in an individual in need thereof.

[0050] The present disclosure relates to a method of preventing, reducing risk, or treating an individual having a disease, disorder, or injury selected from the group consisting of dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, mixed dementia, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, normal pressure hydrocephalus, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Taupathy disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, stroke, acute trauma, chronic trauma, lupus, acute and chronic colitis, wound healing, Crohn's disease, inflammatory bowel disease, ulcerative colitis, obesity, Malaria, essential tremor, central nervous system lupus, Behcet's disease, Parkinson's disease, dementia with Lewy bodies, multiple system atrophy, Shy-Drager syndrome, progressive supranuclear palsy, cortical basal ganglionic degeneration, acute disseminated encephalomyelitis, granulomatous disorders, Sarcoidosis, diseases of aging, seizures, spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, age related macular degeneration, glaucoma, retinitis pigmentosa, retinal degeneration, respiratory tract infection, sepsis, eye infection, systemic infection, lupus, arthritis, multiple sclerosis, low bone density, osteoporosis, osteogenesis, osteopetrotic disease, Paget's disease of bone, and cancer, comprising administering to the individual a therapeutically effective amount of an isolated antibody of any

one of the preceding embodiments. The present disclosure also relates to an isolated antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments for use in preventing, reducing risk, or treating an individual having a disease, disorder, or injury selected from the group consisting of dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, mixed dementia, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, normal pressure hydrocephalus, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Taupathy disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, stroke, acute trauma, chronic trauma, lupus, acute and chronic colitis, wound healing, Crohn's disease, inflammatory bowel disease, ulcerative colitis, obesity, Malaria, essential tremor, central nervous system lupus, Behcet's disease, Parkinson's disease, dementia with Lewy bodies, multiple system atrophy, Shy-Drager syndrome, progressive supranuclear palsy, cortical basal ganglionic degeneration, acute disseminated encephalomyelitis, granulomatous disorders, Sarcoidosis, diseases of aging, seizures, spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, age related macular degeneration, glaucoma, retinitis pigmentosa, retinal degeneration, respiratory tract infection, sepsis, eye infection, systemic infection, lupus, arthritis, multiple sclerosis, low bone density, osteoporosis, osteogenesis, osteopetrotic disease, Paget's disease of bone, and cancer. The present disclosure also relates to use of an isolated antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments in the manufacture of a medicament for preventing, reducing risk, or treating an individual having a disease, disorder, or injury selected from the group consisting of dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, mixed dementia, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, normal pressure hydrocephalus, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Taupathy disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, stroke, acute trauma, chronic trauma, lupus, acute and chronic colitis, wound healing, Crohn's disease, inflammatory bowel disease, ulcerative colitis, obesity, Malaria, essential tremor, central nervous system lupus, Behcet's disease, Parkinson's disease, dementia with Lewy bodies, multiple system atrophy, Shy-Drager syndrome, progressive supranuclear palsy, cortical basal ganglionic degeneration, acute disseminated encephalomyelitis, granulomatous disorders, Sarcoidosis, diseases of aging, seizures, spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, age related macular degeneration, glaucoma, retinitis pigmentosa, retinal degeneration, respiratory tract infection, sepsis, eye infection, systemic infection, lupus,

arthritis, multiple sclerosis, low bone density, osteoporosis, osteogenesis, osteopetrotic disease, Paget's disease of bone, and cancer.

[0051] In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is: (a) an agonist antibody; (b) an inert antibody; or an (c) an antagonist antibody. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, (a) the antibody is of the IgG class the IgM class, or the IgA class; and/or(b) the antibody has an IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, or IgG4 isotype. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the antibody comprises one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of:(a) V234A, G237A, H268Q, V309L, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, S267E, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof; (b) N297A, D265A, L234A, L235A, G237A, C226S, C229S, E233P, L234V, L234F, L235E, P331S, S267E, L328F, A330L, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof; (c) L235A, G237A, S228P, L236E, S267E, E318A, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof; (d) N297A, N297Q, D265A, L234A, L235A, C226S, C229S, P238S, E233P, L234V, P238A, A327Q, A327G, P329A, K322A, L234F, L235E, P331S, T394D, A330L, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof; (e) V234A, G237A, H268E, V309L, N297A, N297Q, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof; or (f) E233P, F234V, L235A, G237A, E318A, S228P, L236E, S241P, L248E, T394D, M252Y, S254T, T256E, N297A, N297Q, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU or Kabat numbering. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody: (a) binds to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1; or (b) one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 49-57 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 49-57 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody: (a) binds essentially the same TREM2 epitope as the antibody Ab52; (b) comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises the HVR-H1, HVR-H2,

and/or HVR-H3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab52; and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and/or HVR-L3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab52; (c) comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:398, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:398, an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:399, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:399, and an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:400, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:400, and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:401, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:401, an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:402, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:402, and an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:403, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:403; (d) binds essentially the same TREM2 epitope as the antibody Ab21; (e) comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and/or HVR-H3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab21; and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and/or HVR-L3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab21; or (f) comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:404, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:404, an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:405, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:405, and an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:406, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:406, and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:407, or an amino acid sequence with at

least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:407, an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:408, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:408, and an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:409, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:409. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated antibody is the isolated antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the isolated agonist antibody is the isolated agonist antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the individual has a heterozygous variant of TREM2, wherein the variant comprises one or more substitutions selected from the group consisting of: i. a glutamic acid to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Glu14 of SEQ ID NO: 1; ii. a glutamine to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Gln33 of SEQ ID NO: 1; iii. a tryptophan to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Trp44 of SEQ ID NO: 1; iv. an arginine to histidine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Arg47 of SEQ ID NO: 1; v. a tryptophan to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Trp78 of SEQ ID NO: 1; vi. a valine to glycine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Val126 of SEQ ID NO: 1; vii. an aspartic acid to glycine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Asp134 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and viii. a lysine to asparagine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Lys186 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the individual has a heterozygous variant of TREM2, wherein the variant comprises a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G313 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 1; a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G267 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 1; or both. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the individual has a heterozygous variant of DAP12, wherein the variant comprises one or more

variants selected from the group consisting of: i. a methionine to threonine substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Met1 of SEQ ID NO: 2; ii. a glycine to arginine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Gly49 of SEQ ID NO: 2; iii. a deletion within exons 1-4 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2; iv. an insertion of 14 amino acid residues at exon 3 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2; and v. a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G141 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2.

[0052] In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the cancer is selected from the group consisting of bladder cancer, brain cancer, breast cancer, colon cancer, rectal cancer, endometrial cancer, kidney cancer, renal cell cancer, renal pelvis cancer, leukemia, lung cancer, melanoma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, ovarian cancer, fibrosarcoma, and thyroid cancer. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the method further comprises administering to the individual at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory checkpoint molecule, and/or another standard or investigational anti-cancer therapy. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory checkpoint molecule is administered in combination with the isolated antibody. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory checkpoint molecule is selected from the group consisting of an anti-PD-L1 antibody, an anti-CTLA4 antibody, an anti-PD-L2 antibody, an anti-PD-1 antibody, an anti-B7-H3 antibody, an anti-B7-H4 antibody, and anti-HVEM antibody, an anti- B- and T-lymphocyte attenuator (BTLA) antibody, an anti-Killer inhibitory receptor (KIR) antibody, an anti-GAL9 antibody, an anti-TIM3 antibody, an anti-A2AR antibody, an anti-LAG-3 antibody, an anti-phosphatidylserine antibody, an anti-CD27 antibody, and any combination thereof. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the standard or investigational anti-cancer therapy is one or more therapies selected from the group consisting of radiotherapy, cytotoxic chemotherapy, targeted therapy, imatinib (Gleevec®), trastuzumab (Herceptin®), adoptive cell transfer (ACT), chimeric antigen receptor T cell transfer (CAR-T), vaccine therapy, and cytokine

therapy. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the method further comprises administering to the individual at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory cytokine. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory cytokine is administered in combination with the isolated antibody. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory cytokine is selected from the group consisting of an anti-CCL2 antibody, an anti-CSF-1 antibody, an anti-IL-2 antibody, and any combination thereof. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the method further comprises administering to the individual at least one agonistic antibody that specifically binds to a stimulatory checkpoint protein. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the at least one agonistic antibody that specifically binds to a stimulatory checkpoint protein is administered in combination with the isolated antibody. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the at least one agonistic antibody that specifically binds to a stimulatory checkpoint protein is selected from the group consisting of an agonist anti-CD40 antibody, an agonist anti-OX40 antibody, an agonist anti-ICOS antibody, an agonist anti-CD28 antibody, an agonist anti-CD137/4-1BB antibody, an agonist anti-CD27 antibody, an agonist anti-glucocorticoid-induced TNFR-related protein GITR antibody, and any combination thereof. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the method further comprises administering to the individual at least one stimulatory cytokine. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the at least one stimulatory cytokine is administered in combination with the isolated antibody. In certain embodiments that may be combined with any of the preceding embodiments, the at least one stimulatory cytokine is selected from the group consisting of TNF- α , IL-10, IL-6, IL-8, CRP, TGF-beta members of the chemokine protein families, IL20 family member, IL-33, LIF, OSM, CNTF, TGF-beta, IL-11, IL-12, IL-17, IL-8, CRP, IFN- α , IFN- β , IL-2, IL-18, GM-CSF, G-CSF, and any combination thereof.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0053] **FIG. 1A** shows an amino acid sequence alignment between the human TREM2 protein (SEQ ID NO: 426) and the human NCTR2 protein (SEQ ID NO: 427), depicting the homology between the two proteins. The consensus sequence is SEQ ID NO: 446. **FIG. 1B** shows a structure-based sequence alignment between several TREM proteins and other members of the IgV family, TREM-1_human (SEQ ID NO: 429), TREM-2_human (SEQ ID NO: 430), TREM-1_mouse (SEQ ID NO: 431), TREM-2_mouse (SEQ ID NO: 432), TREM-3_mouse (SEQ ID NO: 433), NKp44 (SEQ ID NO: 434), aTCR_human (SEQ ID NO: 435), bTCR_human (SEQ ID NO: 436), gTCR_human (SEQ ID NO: 437), dTCR_human (SEQ ID NO: 438), Vd_human (SEQ ID NO: 439), hIGG1_mouse (SEQ ID NO: 440), lIGG1_mouse (SEQ ID NO: 441), CD8_human (SEQ ID NO: 442), and CTLA4_human (SEQ ID NO: 443). The amino acid residue numbering is consistent with the mature sequence of the human TREM1 protein. The secondary structure elements of TREM1 are illustrated as arrows for the β strands and cylinders for α helices. Amino acid residues involved in homo- and heterodimer formation are shown on black background. Cysteine residues that form disulfide bonds and that are conserved for the V-type Ig fold, are depicted in bold and marked with asterisks. Gaps are indicated by “-”. M-1 residues violating antibody-like dimer formation mode are marked with closed triangles as (*e.g.*, Radaev et al., (2003) Structure. 11(12):1527-1535).

[0054] **FIG. 2A** shows an amino acid sequence alignment between the human TREM1 protein (SEQ ID NO: 428) and the human TREM2 protein (SEQ ID NO: 426), depicting the homology between the two proteins. The consensus sequence is SEQ ID NO: 447. **FIG. 2B** shows the amino acid sequences of the heavy chain variable regions of antibodies Ab21 and Ab52. The CDR sequences are underlined in each sequence. Sequence regions in-between each underlined CDR sequence correspond to the framework regions. **FIG. 2C** shows the amino acid sequences of the light chain variable regions of antibodies Ab21 and Ab52. The CDR sequences are underlined in each sequence. Sequence regions in-between each underlined CDR sequence correspond to the framework regions.

[0055] **FIG. 3A** shows FACS histograms demonstrating binding of TREM2 antibodies Ab21, Ab52, Ab16, Ab20, Ab66, and Ab68 to a mouse cell line (BWZ T2) expressing

recombinant mouse TREM2. **FIG. 3B** shows antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 binding to WT (Trem +/+) and TREM2 deficient (TREM2 -/-) bone marrow derived mouse macrophages (BMMac). Shaded histograms represent the TREM2 antibody negative population. Black outlined histograms represent the TREM2 antibody positive population.

[0056] **FIG. 4A** shows FACS histograms demonstrating binding of TREM2 antibodies Ab21, Ab52, Ab43, and Ab60 to a human cell line (293) expressing recombinant human TREM2-DAP12 fusion protein. Shaded histograms represent a TREM2 antibody negative population. Black outlined histograms represent a TREM2 antibody positive population. **FIG. 4B** shows antibodies Ab21, Ab52, Ab43, and Ab60 binding to primary human dendritic cells (hDCs). Shaded histograms represent secondary antibody alone negative control. Black outlined histograms represent the TREM2 antibody positive population.

[0057] **FIG. 5A** shows FACS dot plots demonstrating expression of cell surface markers CD83 and CD86 on human dendritic cells (DCs) after incubation with plate-bound TREM2 antibodies Ab21 or Ab52. Antibody Ab88 represents the negative isotype control. Plots were gated on CD11c⁺ HLA-DR⁺ LIN⁻ DCs. Percentage of cells within the CD83+CD86+ gate is displayed on each plot. **FIG. 5B** shows FACS histograms demonstrating expressing of cell surface marker CD86 on human dendritic cells (DCs) after incubation with cross-linked TREM2 antibodies Ab21 or Ab52. Antibodies were cross-linked with anti-human secondary antibody. Antibody Ab88 represents the negative isotype control.

[0058] **FIG. 6A** shows Syk phosphorylation as determine by western blot in wild-type and TREM2 deficient (Trem2^{-/-}) mouse (left and center panels) and human (right panel) macrophages after incubation with TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab52. Antibodies Ab89 and Ab92 are non-agonistic negative controls. **FIG. 6B** shows Syk phosphorylation as determine by western blot in primary human dendritic cells after incubation with TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab52.

[0059] **FIG. 7A** shows DAP12 phosphorylation as determine by western blot in mouse macrophages after incubation with TREM2 antibody Ab52. **FIG. 7B** shows DAP12

phosphorylation as determined by western blot in wild-type and TREM2 deficient (Trem2^{-/-}) mouse macrophages after incubation with TREM2 antibody Ab21.

[0060] **FIG. 8** shows competitive binding between TREM2 antibodies and *E. coli* bacteria expressing putative TREM2 ligand with mouse and human cell lines expressing TREM2. Bacterial binding is expressed as a percentage of control. Average of two independent experiments; black bars: no difference to isotype control, red bars: significantly different from isotype controls (ANOVA).

[0061] **FIG. 9A** shows protein levels of inflammatory cytokines TNF α , IL-6, IL-10, and MCP-1 secreted in response to stimulation of WT and TREM2 KO macrophages with inflammatory mediators LPS or Zymosan. **FIG. 9B** shows protein levels of inflammatory cytokines IL-6 and TNF α secreted in response to stimulation of WT, TREM2 heterozygous (Het), and TREM2 KO macrophages with the cytokines IL-4 or IFN γ .

[0062] **FIG. 10A** shows FACS data demonstrating expression of cell surface markers CD86 and CD206 on WT, TREM2 heterozygous (Het), and TREM2 KO macrophages after stimulation with the cytokines IL-4 or IFN γ . **FIG. 10B** shows expression of cell surface marker CD86 on WT and TREM2 KO macrophages after stimulation with the inflammatory mediators LPS or Zymosan.

[0063] **FIG. 11A** shows numbers of live WT, TREM2 heterozygous (TREM2^{+/-}), and TREM2 KO (TREM2^{-/-}) macrophages after culture in growth factor MCSF for the indicated number of days. **FIG. 11B** shows FACS plots demonstrating staining of WT, TREM2 heterozygous (TREM2^{+/-}), and TREM2 KO (TREM2^{-/-}) macrophages after culture in MCSF for 6 days (+MCSF) or in MCSF for 4 days, followed by no MCSF for 36 hours (-MCSF). Percentage of live macrophages within the CD11b+DAPI- gate is indicated on each plot. **FIG. 11C** shows luminescence levels detected in a luciferase viability assay after culture of WT and TREM2 KO dendritic cells, M1 macrophages, and M2 macrophages in growth factors GM-CSF, M-CSF, or M-CSF+IL-4, respectively. **FIG. 11D** shows the frequency of live WT, TREM2 heterozygous (Het), and TREM2 KO macrophages (CD11b+) after culture in inflammatory mediators IFN γ , LPS, or Zymosan.

[0064] **FIG. 12** shows phagocytosis of apoptotic cells and *E. coli* by wild-type (WT) and TREM2 KO (TREM2^{-/-}) bone marrow derived macrophages (BMmacs) cultured without MCSF.

[0065] **FIG. 13** shows an epitope map of TREM2 antibody Ab52.

[0066] **FIG. 14** shows Syk phosphorylation as determined by Western blot in wild-type and TREM2 deficient (Trem2^{-/-}) mouse macrophages after incubation with TREM2 antibodies MAB17291 (RD) or 78.18, demonstrating that antibody 78.18 does not induce Syk phosphorylation or TREM2 signaling.

[0067] **FIG. 15A** shows Fortebio analysis demonstrating simultaneous binding of antibody MAB17291 and antibody Ab21 to TREM2-Fc. **FIG. 15A** shows Fortebio analysis demonstrating simultaneous binding of antibody MAB17291 and antibody Ab52 to TREM2-Fc.

[0068] **FIG. 16** shows the percent increased survival of wild-type (WT) and TREM2 knock-out (KO) mouse bone marrow derived macrophages cultured in the presence of plate bound, cross-linked TREM2 antibody Ab21 or Ab52 Fabs and M-CSF. Antibody Ab88 represents the negative isotype control.

[0069] **FIG. 17A** shows the luminescence viability assay of mouse bone marrow derived macrophages cultured in the presence of soluble, non-cross-linked TREM2 antibody Ab21 or Ab52 Fabs and M-CSF. Antibody Ab99 represents the negative isotype control. **FIG. 17B** shows the luminescence viability assay of mouse bone marrow derived macrophages cultured in the presence of soluble, full-length TREM2 antibody Ab21 or Ab52 and M-CSF. Antibody Ab91 represents the negative isotype control. The “NT” dotted line indicates the average viability obtained with untreated macrophages (no antibody added). The “no MCSF” dotted line indicates the average viability obtained when macrophages are cultured in the absence of M-CSF.

[0070] **FIG. 18A** shows induction of TREM2-dependent gene expression by plate bound, full-length anti-TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 using a luciferase reporter gene in a cell-based assay. **FIG. 18B** shows induction of TREM2-dependent gene expression by plate bound phosphatidylserine (PS). **FIG. 18C** shows activation of TREM2-dependent gene IL-6 in mouse macrophages by plate bound, Fab anti-TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 Fabs. **FIG.**

18D shows activation of TREM2-dependent gene MCP-1 in mouse macrophages by plate bound, Fab anti-TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 Fabs. Data in **FIG. 18C and 18D** are shown as means $\pm$ SD; $n = 3$ mice per group. In **FIG. 18C and 18D** “no Ab” indicates negative control with no antibody treatment, “21” indicates treatment with Ab21 Fab, “52” indicates treatment with Ab52 Fab, and “ctr” indicates treatment with control antibody Fab.

[0071] **FIG. 19** shows inhibition of TREM2-dependent gene expression by soluble, full-length anti-TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 using a luciferase reporter gene in a cell-based assay.

[0072] **FIG. 20A** shows the amino acid sequences of the heavy chain variable regions of TREM2 antibodies. The CDR sequences are underlined in each sequence. Sequence regions in-between each underlined CDR sequence correspond to the framework regions. **FIG. 20B** shows the amino acid sequences of the light chain variable regions of TREM2 antibodies. The CDR sequences are underlined in each sequence. Sequence regions in-between each underlined CDR sequence correspond to the framework regions.

[0073] **FIG. 21A** shows FACS histograms demonstrating binding of TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 to a mouse cell line (BWZ T2) expressing recombinant mouse TREM2. **FIG. 21B** shows antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 binding to WT (Trem +/+) and TREM2 deficient (TREM2 -/-) bone marrow derived mouse macrophages (BMMac). Antibody Ab88 represents the negative isotype control. Shaded histograms represent the TREM2 antibody negative population. Black outlined histograms represent the TREM2 antibody positive population.

[0074] **FIG. 22A** shows FACS histograms demonstrating binding of TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab43, Ab45, Ab60, and Ab65 to a human cell line (293) expressing recombinant human TREM2-DAP12 fusion protein. Shaded histograms represent a TREM2 antibody negative population. Black outlined histograms represent a TREM2 antibody positive population. **FIG. 22B** shows antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab43, Ab45, Ab60, and Ab65 binding to primary human dendritic cells (hDCs). Antibody Ab88 represents the negative isotype control. Shaded histograms represent secondary antibody alone negative control. Black outlined histograms represent the TREM2 antibody positive population.

[0075] **FIG. 23A** shows FACS dot plots demonstrating expression of cell surface markers CD83 and CD86 on human dendritic cells (DCs) after incubation with plate-bound TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65. Antibody Ab88 represents the negative isotype control. Plots were gated on CD11c⁺ HLA-DR⁺ LIN⁻ DCs. Percentage of cells within the CD83+CD86+ gate is displayed on each plot. **FIG. 23B** shows FACS histograms demonstrating expression of cell surface marker CD86 on human dendritic cells (DCs) after incubation with cross-linked TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65. Antibodies were cross-linked with anti-human secondary antibody. Antibody Ab88 represents the negative isotype control.

[0076] **FIG. 24A** shows Syk phosphorylation as determined by western blot in wild-type and TREM2 deficient (Trem2^{-/-}) mouse macrophages after incubation with TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, or Ab45. Antibodies Ab89 and Ab92 are negative isotype controls. **FIG. 24B** shows Syk phosphorylation as determined by western blot in human macrophages after incubation with TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab20, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65. Antibodies Ab16 and Ab77 are non-agonistic negative controls. **FIG. 24C** shows Syk phosphorylation as determined by western blot in primary human dendritic cells after incubation with TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab5, Ab9, Ab22, Ab45, or Ab65.

[0077] **FIG. 25** shows competitive binding between TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, Ab65, Ab66, and Ab68 and *E. coli* cells expressing putative TREM2 ligand to mouse and human cell lines expressing TREM2. Bacterial binding is expressed as a percentage of control. Average of two independent experiments; black bars: no difference to isotype control, red bars: significantly different from isotype controls (ANOVA).

[0078] **FIG. 26A** shows DAP12 phosphorylation as determined by western blot in mouse macrophages after incubation with TREM2 antibody Ab45 or Ab65. **FIG. 26B** shows DAP12 phosphorylation as determined by western blot in wild-type and TREM2 deficient (Trem2^{-/-}) mouse macrophages after incubation with TREM2 antibody Ab1, Ab9, Ab22, or Ab45.

[0079] **FIG. 27A** shows an epitope map of TREM2 antibodies Ab1 and Ab9.

FIG. 27B shows an epitope map of TREM2 antibodies Ab45 and Ab65.

[0080] **FIG. 28** shows Fortebio analysis demonstrating simultaneous binding of antibody MAB17291 and antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 to TREM2-Fc. Control antibodies Ab63 and Ab87 did not simultaneously bind to TREM2-Fc.

[0081] **FIG. 29** shows the percent increased survival of wild-type (WT) and TREM2 knock-out (KO) mouse bone marrow derived macrophages cultured in the presence of plate bound, cross-linked TREM2 antibody Ab22, Ab45, or Ab65 Fabs and M-CSF. Antibody Ab88 represents the negative isotype control.

[0082] **FIG. 30A** shows the luminescence viability assay of mouse bone marrow derived macrophages cultured in the presence of soluble, non-cross-linked TREM2 antibody Fabs and M-CSF. Antibody Ab99 represents the negative isotype control. **FIG. 30B** shows the luminescence viability assay of mouse bone marrow derived macrophages cultured in the presence of soluble, full-length TREM2 antibodies and M-CSF. Antibody Ab91 represents the negative isotype control. The “NT” dotted line indicates the average viability obtained with untreated macrophages (no antibody added). The “no MCSF” dotted line indicates the average viability obtained when macrophages are cultured in the absence of M-CSF.

[0083] **FIG. 31A** shows induction of TREM2-dependent gene expression by plate bound, full-length anti-TREM2 antibodies using a luciferase reporter gene in a cell-based assay. **FIG. 31B** shows induction of TREM2-dependent gene expression by plate bound, full-length anti-TREM2 antibodies using a luciferase reporter gene in a cell-based assay. **FIG. 31C** shows induction of TREM2-dependent gene expression by plate bound phosphatidylserine (PS).

[0084] **FIG. 32** shows inhibition of TREM2-dependent gene expression by soluble, full-length anti-TREM2 antibodies using a luciferase reporter gene in a cell-based assay.

[0085] **FIG. 33** shows competitive interactions between TREM2 antibodies Ab22 and Ab45 and Phosphatidylserine (PS) or Sphingomyelin (SM) in mouse and human cell lines expressing TREM2.

[0086] **FIG. 34A** shows activation of TREM2-dependent gene IL-6 in mouse macrophages by plate bound, Fab anti-TREM2 antibodies Ab22 and Ab65 Fabs. **FIG. 34B** shows activation of TREM2-dependent gene MCP-1 in mouse macrophages by plate bound, Fab anti-TREM2 antibodies Ab22 and Ab65 Fabs. Data in **FIG. 34A and 34B** are shown as means $\pm$ SD; $n = 3$ mice per group. In **FIG. 34A and 34B** “no Ab” indicates negative control with no antibody treatment, “22” indicates treatment with Ab22 Fab, “65” indicates treatment with Ab65 Fab, and “ctr” indicates treatment with control antibody Fab.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

General techniques

[0087] The techniques and procedures described or referenced herein are generally well understood and commonly employed using conventional methodology by those skilled in the art, such as, for example, the widely utilized methodologies described in Sambrook et al., *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual* 3d edition (2001) Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.; *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology* (F.M. Ausubel, et al. eds., (2003)); the series *Methods in Enzymology* (Academic Press, Inc.); *PCR 2: A Practical Approach* (M.J. MacPherson, B.D. Hames and G.R. Taylor eds. (1995)), Harlow and Lane, eds. (1988) *Antibodies, A Laboratory Manual*, and *Animal Cell Culture* (R.I. Freshney, ed. (1987)); *Oligonucleotide Synthesis* (M.J. Gait, ed., 1984); *Methods in Molecular Biology*, Humana Press; *Cell Biology: A Laboratory Notebook* (J.E. Cellis, ed., 1998) Academic Press; *Animal Cell Culture* (R.I. Freshney), ed., 1987); *Introduction to Cell and Tissue Culture* (J.P. Mather and P.E. Roberts, 1998) Plenum Press; *Cell and Tissue Culture: Laboratory Procedures* (A. Doyle, J.B. Griffiths, and D.G. Newell, eds., 1993-8) J. Wiley and Sons; *Handbook of Experimental Immunology* (D.M. Weir and C.C. Blackwell, eds.); *Gene Transfer Vectors for Mammalian Cells* (J.M. Miller and M.P. Calos, eds., 1987); *PCR: The Polymerase Chain Reaction*, (Mullis et al.,

eds., 1994); *Current Protocols in Immunology* (J.E. Coligan et al., eds., 1991); *Short Protocols in Molecular Biology* (Wiley and Sons, 1999); *Immunobiology* (C.A. Janeway and P. Travers, 1997); *Antibodies* (P. Finch, 1997); *Antibodies: A Practical Approach* (D. Catty., ed., IRL Press, 1988-1989); *Monoclonal Antibodies: A Practical Approach* (P. Shepherd and C. Dean, eds., Oxford University Press, 2000); *Using Antibodies: A Laboratory Manual* (E. Harlow and D. Lane (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 1999); *The Antibodies* (M. Zanetti and J. D. Capra, eds., Harwood Academic Publishers, 1995); and *Cancer: Principles and Practice of Oncology* (V.T. DeVita et al., eds., J.B. Lippincott Company, 1993).

Definitions

[0088] As used herein, the term “*preventing*” includes providing prophylaxis with respect to occurrence or recurrence of a particular disease, disorder, or condition in an individual. An individual may be predisposed to, susceptible to a particular disease, disorder, or condition, or at risk of developing such a disease, disorder, or condition, but has not yet been diagnosed with the disease, disorder, or condition.

[0089] As used herein, an individual “*at risk*” of developing a particular disease, disorder, or condition may or may not have detectable disease or symptoms of disease, and may or may not have displayed detectable disease or symptoms of disease prior to the treatment methods described herein. “At risk” denotes that an individual has one or more risk factors, which are measurable parameters that correlate with development of a particular disease, disorder, or condition, as known in the art. An individual having one or more of these risk factors has a higher probability of developing a particular disease, disorder, or condition than an individual without one or more of these risk factors.

[0090] As used herein, the term “*treatment*” refers to clinical intervention designed to alter the natural course of the individual being treated during the course of clinical pathology. Desirable effects of treatment include decreasing the rate of progression, ameliorating or palliating the pathological state, and remission or improved prognosis of a particular disease, disorder, or condition. An individual is successfully “treated”, for example, if one or more symptoms associated with a particular disease, disorder, or condition are mitigated or eliminated.

[0091] An “*effective amount*” refers to at least an amount effective, at dosages and for periods of time necessary, to achieve the desired therapeutic or prophylactic result. An effective amount can be provided in one or more administrations.

[0092] A “*therapeutically effective amount*” is at least the minimum concentration required to effect a measurable improvement of a particular disease, disorder, or condition. A therapeutically effective amount herein may vary according to factors such as the disease state, age, sex, and weight of the patient, and the ability of the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody to elicit a desired response in the individual. A therapeutically effective amount is also one in which any toxic or detrimental effects of the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody are outweighed by the therapeutically beneficial effects.

[0093] As used herein, administration “*in conjunction*” with another compound or composition includes simultaneous administration and/or administration at different times. Administration in conjunction also encompasses administration as a co-formulation or administration as separate compositions, including at different dosing frequencies or intervals, and using the same route of administration or different routes of administration.

[0094] An “*individual*” for purposes of treatment, prevention, or reduction of risk refers to any animal classified as a mammal, including humans, domestic and farm animals, and zoo, sport, or pet animals, such as dogs, horses, rabbits, cattle, pigs, hamsters, gerbils, mice, ferrets, rats, cats, and the like. Preferably, the individual is human.

[0095] The term “*immunoglobulin*” (Ig) is used interchangeably with “*antibody*” herein. The term “antibody” herein is used in the broadest sense and specifically covers monoclonal antibodies, polyclonal antibodies, multispecific antibodies (*e.g.*, bispecific antibodies) formed from at least two intact antibodies, and antibody fragments so long as they exhibit the desired biological activity.

[0096] The basic 4-chain antibody unit is a heterotetrameric glycoprotein composed of two identical light (L) chains and two identical heavy (H) chains. The pairing of a V_H and V_L together forms a single antigen-binding site. For the structure and properties of the different classes of antibodies, *see, e.g., Basic and Clinical Immunology*, 8th Ed., Daniel P. Stites, Abba I.

Terr and Tristram G. Parslow (eds.), Appleton & Lange, Norwalk, CT, 1994, page 71 and Chapter 6.

[0097] The L chain from any vertebrate species can be assigned to one of two clearly distinct types, called kappa (“κ”) and lambda (“λ”), based on the amino acid sequences of their constant domains. Depending on the amino acid sequence of the constant domain of their heavy chains (CH), immunoglobulins can be assigned to different classes or isotypes. There are five classes of immunoglobulins: IgA, IgD, IgE, IgG, and IgM, having heavy chains designated alpha (“α”), delta (“δ”), epsilon (“ε”), gamma (“γ”) and mu (“μ”), respectively. The γ and α classes are further divided into subclasses (isotypes) on the basis of relatively minor differences in the CH sequence and function, *e.g.*, humans express the following subclasses: IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, IgG4, IgA1, and IgA2. The subunit structures and three dimensional configurations of different classes of immunoglobulins are well known and described generally in, for example, Abbas *et al.*, Cellular and Molecular Immunology, 4th ed. (W.B. Saunders Co., 2000).

[0098] “*Native antibodies*” are usually heterotetrameric glycoproteins of about 150,000 daltons, composed of two identical light (L) chains and two identical heavy (H) chains. Each light chain is linked to a heavy chain by one covalent disulfide bond, while the number of disulfide linkages varies among the heavy chains of different immunoglobulin isotypes. Each heavy and light chain also has regularly spaced intrachain disulfide bridges. Each heavy chain has at one end a variable domain (V_H) followed by a number of constant domains. Each light chain has a variable domain at one end (V_L) and a constant domain at its other end; the constant domain of the light chain is aligned with the first constant domain of the heavy chain, and the light chain variable domain is aligned with the variable domain of the heavy chain. Particular amino acid residues are believed to form an interface between the light chain and heavy chain variable domains.

[0099] An “*isolated*” antibody, such as an isolated anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure, is one that has been identified, separated and/or recovered from a component of its production environment (*e.g.*, naturally or recombinantly). Preferably, the isolated polypeptide is free of association with all other contaminant components from its

production environment. Contaminant components from its production environment, such as those resulting from recombinant transfected cells, are materials that would typically interfere with research, diagnostic or therapeutic uses for the antibody, and may include enzymes, hormones, and other proteinaceous or non-proteinaceous solutes. In preferred embodiments, the polypeptide will be purified: (1) to greater than 95% by weight of antibody as determined by, for example, the Lowry method, and in some embodiments, to greater than 99% by weight; (2) to a degree sufficient to obtain at least 15 residues of N-terminal or internal amino acid sequence by use of a spinning cup sequenator, or (3) to homogeneity by SDS-PAGE under non-reducing or reducing conditions using Coomassie blue or, preferably, silver stain. Isolated antibody includes the antibody *in situ* within recombinant T-cells since at least one component of the antibody's natural environment will not be present. Ordinarily, however, an isolated polypeptide or antibody will be prepared by at least one purification step.

[0100] The “*variable region*” or “*variable domain*” of an antibody, such as an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure, refers to the amino-terminal domains of the heavy or light chain of the antibody. The variable domains of the heavy chain and light chain may be referred to as “V_H” and “V_L”, respectively. These domains are generally the most variable parts of the antibody (relative to other antibodies of the same class) and contain the antigen binding sites.

[0101] The term “*variable*” refers to the fact that certain segments of the variable domains differ extensively in sequence among antibodies, such as anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure. The V domain mediates antigen binding and defines the specificity of a particular antibody for its particular antigen. However, the variability is not evenly distributed across the entire span of the variable domains. Instead, it is concentrated in three segments called hypervariable regions (HVRs) both in the light-chain and the heavy chain variable domains. The more highly conserved portions of variable domains are called the framework regions (FR). The variable domains of native heavy and light chains each comprise four FR regions, largely adopting a beta-sheet configuration, connected by three HVRs, which form loops connecting, and in some cases forming part of, the beta-sheet structure. The HVRs in each chain are held together in close proximity by the FR regions and, with the HVRs from the

other chain, contribute to the formation of the antigen-binding site of antibodies (*see* Kabat et al., *Sequences of Immunological Interest*, Fifth Edition, National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD (1991)). The constant domains are not involved directly in the binding of antibody to an antigen, but exhibit various effector functions, such as participation of the antibody in antibody-dependent-cellular toxicity.

[0102] The term “*monoclonal antibody*” as used herein refers to an antibody, such as a monoclonal anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure, obtained from a population of substantially homogeneous antibodies, *i.e.*, the individual antibodies comprising the population are identical except for possible naturally occurring mutations and/or post-translation modifications (*e.g.*, isomerizations, amidations, *etc.*) that may be present in minor amounts. Monoclonal antibodies are highly specific, being directed against a single antigenic site. In contrast to polyclonal antibody preparations which typically include different antibodies directed against different determinants (epitopes), each monoclonal antibody is directed against a single determinant on the antigen. In addition to their specificity, the monoclonal antibodies are advantageous in that they are synthesized by the hybridoma culture, uncontaminated by other immunoglobulins. The modifier “monoclonal” indicates the character of the antibody as being obtained from a substantially homogeneous population of antibodies, and is not to be construed as requiring production of the antibody by any particular method. For example, the monoclonal antibodies to be used in accordance with the present invention may be made by a variety of techniques, including, for example, the hybridoma method (*e.g.*, Kohler and Milstein., *Nature*, 256:495-97 (1975); Hongo et al., *Hybridoma*, 14 (3):253-260 (1995), Harlow et al., *Antibodies: A Laboratory Manual*, (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 2d ed. 1988); Hammerling et al., in: *Monoclonal Antibodies and T-Cell Hybridomas* 563-681 (Elsevier, N.Y., 1981)), recombinant DNA methods (*see, e.g.*, U.S. Patent No. 4,816,567), phage-display technologies (*see, e.g.*, Clackson et al., *Nature*, 352:624-628 (1991); Marks et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 222:581-597 (1992); Sidhu et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 338(2): 299-310 (2004); Lee et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 340(5):1073-1093 (2004); Fellouse, *Proc. Nat’l Acad. Sci. USA* 101(34):12467-472 (2004); and Lee et al., *J. Immunol. Methods* 284(1-2):119-132 (2004), and technologies for producing human or human-like antibodies in animals that have parts or all of the human immunoglobulin loci or genes

encoding human immunoglobulin sequences (see, *e.g.*, WO 1998/24893; WO 1996/34096; WO 1996/33735; WO 1991/10741; Jakobovits *et al.*, *Proc. Nat'l Acad. Sci. USA* 90:2551 (1993); Jakobovits *et al.*, *Nature* 362:255-258 (1993); Bruggemann *et al.*, *Year in Immunol.* 7:33 (1993); U.S. Patent Nos. 5,545,807; 5,545,806; 5,569,825; 5,625,126; 5,633,425; and 5,661,016; Marks *et al.*, *Bio/Technology* 10:779-783 (1992); Lonberg *et al.*, *Nature* 368:856-859 (1994); Morrison, *Nature* 368:812-813 (1994); Fishwild *et al.*, *Nature Biotechnol.* 14:845-851 (1996); Neuberger, *Nature Biotechnol.* 14:826 (1996); and Lonberg and Huszar, *Intern. Rev. Immunol.* 13:65-93 (1995).

[0103] The terms “*full-length antibody*,” “*intact antibody*” or “*whole antibody*” are used interchangeably to refer to an antibody, such as an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure, in its substantially intact form, as opposed to an antibody fragment. Specifically whole antibodies include those with heavy and light chains including an Fc region. The constant domains may be native sequence constant domains (*e.g.*, human native sequence constant domains) or amino acid sequence variants thereof. In some cases, the intact antibody may have one or more effector functions.

[0104] An “*antibody fragment*” comprises a portion of an intact antibody, preferably the antigen binding and/or the variable region of the intact antibody. Examples of antibody fragments include Fab, Fab', F(ab')₂ and Fv fragments; diabodies; linear antibodies (*see* U.S. Patent 5,641,870, Example 2; Zapata *et al.*, *Protein Eng.* 8(10):1057-1062 (1995)); single-chain antibody molecules and multispecific antibodies formed from antibody fragments.

[0105] Papain digestion of antibodies, such as anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure, produces two identical antigen-binding fragments, called “*Fab*” fragments, and a residual “*Fc*” fragment, a designation reflecting the ability to crystallize readily. The Fab fragment consists of an entire L chain along with the variable region domain of the H chain (V_H), and the first constant domain of one heavy chain (C_{H1}). Each Fab fragment is monovalent with respect to antigen binding, *i.e.*, it has a single antigen-binding site. Pepsin treatment of an antibody yields a single large F(ab')₂ fragment which roughly corresponds to two disulfide linked Fab fragments having different antigen-binding activity and is still capable of

cross-linking antigen. Fab' fragments differ from Fab fragments by having a few additional residues at the carboxy terminus of the C_H1 domain including one or more cysteines from the antibody hinge region. Fab'-SH is the designation herein for Fab' in which the cysteine residue(s) of the constant domains bear a free thiol group. F(ab')₂ antibody fragments originally were produced as pairs of Fab' fragments which have hinge cysteines between them. Other chemical couplings of antibody fragments are also known.

[0106] The Fc fragment comprises the carboxy-terminal portions of both H chains held together by disulfides. The effector functions of antibodies are determined by sequences in the Fc region, the region which is also recognized by Fc receptors (FcR) found on certain types of cells.

[0107] “Fv” is the minimum antibody fragment which contains a complete antigen-recognition and -binding site. This fragment consists of a dimer of one heavy- and one light-chain variable region domain in tight, non-covalent association. From the folding of these two domains emanate six hypervariable loops (3 loops each from the H and L chain) that contribute the amino acid residues for antigen binding and confer antigen binding specificity to the antibody. However, even a single variable domain (or half of an Fv comprising only three HVRs specific for an antigen) has the ability to recognize and bind antigen, although at a lower affinity than the entire binding site.

[0108] “Single-chain Fv” also abbreviated as “sFv” or “scFv” are antibody fragments that comprise the V_H and V_L antibody domains connected into a single polypeptide chain. Preferably, the sFv polypeptide further comprises a polypeptide linker between the V_H and V_L domains, which enables the sFv to form the desired structure for antigen binding. For a review of the sFv, see Plückthun in *The Pharmacology of Monoclonal Antibodies*, vol. 113, Rosenberg and Moore eds., Springer-Verlag, New York, pp. 269-315 (1994).

[0109] “Functional fragments” of antibodies, such as anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure, comprise a portion of an intact antibody, generally including the antigen binding or variable region of the intact antibody or the F region of an antibody which retains or has modified FcR binding capability. Examples of antibody fragments include linear

antibody, single-chain antibody molecules and multispecific antibodies formed from antibody fragments.

[0110] The term “*diabodies*” refers to small antibody fragments prepared by constructing sFv fragments (see preceding paragraph) with short linkers (about 5-10) residues) between the V_H and V_L domains such that inter-chain but not intra-chain pairing of the V domains is achieved, thereby resulting in a bivalent fragment, *i.e.*, a fragment having two antigen-binding sites. Bispecific diabodies are heterodimers of two “crossover” sFv fragments in which the V_H and V_L domains of the two antibodies are present on different polypeptide chains. Diabodies are described in greater detail in, for example, EP 404,097; WO 93/11161; Hollinger et al., *Proc. Nat’l Acad. Sci. USA* 90:6444-48 (1993).

[0111] As used herein, a “*chimeric antibody*” refers to an antibody (immunoglobulin), such as a chimeric anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure, in which a portion of the heavy and/or light chain is identical with or homologous to corresponding sequences in antibodies derived from a particular species or belonging to a particular antibody class or subclass, while the remainder of the chain(s) is(are) identical with or homologous to corresponding sequences in antibodies derived from another species or belonging to another antibody class or subclass, as well as fragments of such antibodies, so long as they exhibit the desired biological activity (U.S. Patent No. 4,816,567; Morrison et al., *Proc. Nat’l Acad. Sci. USA*, 81:6851-55 (1984)). Chimeric antibodies of interest herein include PRIMATIZED[®] antibodies wherein the antigen-binding region of the antibody is derived from an antibody produced by, *e.g.*, immunizing macaque monkeys with an antigen of interest. As used herein, “humanized antibody” is used a subset of “chimeric antibodies.”

[0112] “*Humanized*” forms of non-human (*e.g.*, murine) antibodies, such as humanized forms of anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure, are chimeric antibodies that contain minimal sequence derived from non-human immunoglobulin. In one embodiment, a humanized antibody is a human immunoglobulin (recipient antibody) in which residues from an HVR of the recipient are replaced by residues from an HVR of a non-human species (donor antibody) such as mouse, rat, rabbit or non-human primate having the desired

specificity, affinity, and/or capacity. In some instances, FR residues of the human immunoglobulin are replaced by corresponding non-human residues. Furthermore, humanized antibodies may comprise residues that are not found in the recipient antibody or in the donor antibody. These modifications may be made to further refine antibody performance, such as binding affinity. In general, a humanized antibody will comprise substantially all of at least one, and typically two, variable domains, in which all or substantially all of the hypervariable loops correspond to those of a non-human immunoglobulin sequence, and all or substantially all of the FR regions are those of a human immunoglobulin sequence, although the FR regions may include one or more individual FR residue substitutions that improve antibody performance, such as binding affinity, isomerization, immunogenicity, and the like. The number of these amino acid substitutions in the FR is typically no more than 6 in the H chain, and in the L chain, no more than 3. The humanized antibody optionally will also comprise at least a portion of an immunoglobulin constant region (Fc), typically that of a human immunoglobulin. For further details, *see, e.g.*, Jones et al., *Nature* 321:522-525 (1986); Riechmann et al., *Nature* 332:323-329 (1988); and Presta, *Curr. Op. Struct. Biol.* 2:593-596 (1992). *See also*, for example, Vaswani and Hamilton, *Ann. Allergy, Asthma & Immunol.* 1:105-115 (1998); Harris, *Biochem. Soc. Transactions* 23:1035-1038 (1995); Hurle and Gross, *Curr. Op. Biotech.* 5:428-433 (1994); and U.S. Patent Nos. 6,982,321 and 7,087,409.

[0113] A “human antibody” is one that possesses an amino-acid sequence corresponding to that of an antibody, such as an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure, produced by a human and/or has been made using any of the techniques for making human antibodies as disclosed herein. This definition of a human antibody specifically excludes a humanized antibody comprising non-human antigen-binding residues. Human antibodies can be produced using various techniques known in the art, including phage-display libraries. Hoogenboom and Winter, *J. Mol. Biol.*, 227:381 (1991); Marks et al., *J. Mol. Biol.*, 222:581 (1991). Also available for the preparation of human monoclonal antibodies are methods described in Cole et al., *Monoclonal Antibodies and Cancer Therapy*, Alan R. Liss, p. 77 (1985); Boerner et al., *J. Immunol.*, 147(1):86-95 (1991). *See also* van Dijk and van de Winkel, *Curr. Opin. Pharmacol.* 5:368-74 (2001). Human antibodies can be prepared by administering the

antigen to a transgenic animal that has been modified to produce such antibodies in response to antigenic challenge, but whose endogenous loci have been disabled, *e.g.*, immunized xenomice (*see, e.g.*, U.S. Patent Nos. 6,075,181 and 6,150,584 regarding XENOMOUSE™ technology). *See also*, for example, Li et al., *Proc. Nat'l Acad. Sci. USA*, 103:3557-3562 (2006) regarding human antibodies generated via a human B-cell hybridoma technology.

[0114] The term “hypervariable region,” “HVR,” or “HV,” when used herein refers to the regions of an antibody-variable domain, such as that of an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure, that are hypervariable in sequence and/or form structurally defined loops. Generally, antibodies comprise six HVRs; three in the VH (H1, H2, H3), and three in the VL (L1, L2, L3). In native antibodies, H3 and L3 display the most diversity of the six HVRs, and H3 in particular is believed to play a unique role in conferring fine specificity to antibodies. *See, e.g.*, Xu et al., *Immunity* 13:37-45 (2000); Johnson and Wu in *Methods in Molecular Biology* 248:1-25 (Lo, ed., Human Press, Totowa, NJ, 2003)). Indeed, naturally occurring camelid antibodies consisting of a heavy chain only are functional and stable in the absence of light chain. *See, e.g.*, Hamers-Casterman et al., *Nature* 363:446-448 (1993) and Sheriff et al., *Nature Struct. Biol.* 3:733-736 (1996).

[0115] A number of HVR delineations are in use and are encompassed herein. The HVRs that are Kabat complementarity-determining regions (CDRs) are based on sequence variability and are the most commonly used (Kabat et al., *supra*). Chothia refers instead to the location of the structural loops (Chothia and Lesk *J. Mol. Biol.* 196:901-917 (1987)). The AbM HVRs represent a compromise between the Kabat CDRs and Chothia structural loops, and are used by Oxford Molecular's AbM antibody-modeling software. The “contact” HVRs are based on an analysis of the available complex crystal structures. The residues from each of these HVRs are noted below.

<u>Loop</u>	<u>Kabat</u>	<u>AbM</u>	<u>Chothia</u>	<u>Contact</u>
L1	L24-L34	L24-L34	L26-L32	L30-L36
L2	L50-L56	L50-L56	L50-L52	L46-L55
L3	L89-L97	L89-L97	L91-L96	L89-L96

H1	H31-H35B	H26-H35B	H26-H32	H30-H35B (Kabat numbering)
H1	H31-H35	H26-H35	H26-H32	H30-H35 (Chothia numbering)
H2	H50-H65	H50-H58	H53-H55	H47-H58
H3	H95-H102	H95-H102	H96-H101	H93-H101

[0116] HVRs may comprise “extended HVRs” as follows: 24-36 or 24-34 (L1), 46-56 or 50-56 (L2), and 89-97 or 89-96 (L3) in the VL, and 26-35 (H1), 50-65 or 49-65 (a preferred embodiment) (H2), and 93-102, 94-102, or 95-102 (H3) in the VH. The variable-domain residues are numbered according to Kabat et al., *supra*, for each of these extended-HVR definitions.

[0117] “*Framework*” or “*FR*” residues are those variable-domain residues other than the HVR residues as herein defined.

[0118] The phrase “*variable-domain residue-numbering as in Kabat*” or “*amino-acid-position numbering as in Kabat*,” and variations thereof, refers to the numbering system used for heavy-chain variable domains or light-chain variable domains of the compilation of antibodies in Kabat et al., *supra*. Using this numbering system, the actual linear amino acid sequence may contain fewer or additional amino acids corresponding to a shortening of, or insertion into, a FR or HVR of the variable domain. For example, a heavy-chain variable domain may include a single amino acid insert (residue 52a according to Kabat) after residue 52 of H2 and inserted residues (*e.g.*, residues 82a, 82b, and 82c, *etc.* according to Kabat) after heavy-chain FR residue 82. The Kabat numbering of residues may be determined for a given antibody by alignment at regions of homology of the sequence of the antibody with a “standard” Kabat numbered sequence.

[0119] The Kabat numbering system is generally used when referring to a residue in the variable domain (approximately residues 1-107 of the light chain and residues 1-113 of the heavy chain) (*e.g.*, Kabat et al., Sequences of Immunological Interest. 5th Ed. Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md. (1991)). The “EU numbering system” or “EU index” is generally used when referring to a residue in an immunoglobulin heavy chain constant

region (*e.g.*, the EU index reported in Kabat *et al.*, *supra*). The “EU index as in Kabat” refers to the residue numbering of the human IgG1 EU antibody. References to residue numbers in the variable domain of antibodies means residue numbering by the Kabat numbering system. References to residue numbers in the constant domain of antibodies means residue numbering by the EU numbering system (*e.g.*, *see* United States Patent Publication No. 2010-280227).

[0120] An “*acceptor human framework*” as used herein is a framework comprising the amino acid sequence of a VL or VH framework derived from a human immunoglobulin framework or a human consensus framework. An acceptor human framework “derived from” a human immunoglobulin framework or a human consensus framework may comprise the same amino acid sequence thereof, or it may contain pre-existing amino acid sequence changes. In some embodiments, the number of pre-existing amino acid changes are 10 or less, 9 or less, 8 or less, 7 or less, 6 or less, 5 or less, 4 or less, 3 or less, or 2 or less. Where pre-existing amino acid changes are present in a VH, preferable those changes occur at only three, two, or one of positions 71H, 73H and 78H; for instance, the amino acid residues at those positions may be 71A, 73T and/or 78A. In one embodiment, the VL acceptor human framework is identical in sequence to the VL human immunoglobulin framework sequence or human consensus framework sequence.

[0121] A “*human consensus framework*” is a framework that represents the most commonly occurring amino acid residues in a selection of human immunoglobulin VL or VH framework sequences. Generally, the selection of human immunoglobulin VL or VH sequences is from a subgroup of variable domain sequences. Generally, the subgroup of sequences is a subgroup as in Kabat *et al.*, *Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest*, 5th Ed. Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD (1991). Examples include for the VL, the subgroup may be subgroup kappa I, kappa II, kappa III or kappa IV as in Kabat *et al.*, *supra*. Additionally, for the VH, the subgroup may be subgroup I, subgroup II, or subgroup III as in Kabat *et al.*, *supra*.

[0122] An “*amino-acid modification*” at a specified position, *e.g.*, of an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure, refers to the substitution or deletion of the

specified residue, or the insertion of at least one amino acid residue adjacent the specified residue. Insertion “adjacent” to a specified residue means insertion within one to two residues thereof. The insertion may be N-terminal or C-terminal to the specified residue. The preferred amino acid modification herein is a substitution.

[0123] An “*affinity-matured*” antibody, such as an affinity matured anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure, is one with one or more alterations in one or more HVRs thereof that result in an improvement in the affinity of the antibody for antigen, compared to a parent antibody that does not possess those alteration(s). In one embodiment, an affinity-matured antibody has nanomolar or even picomolar affinities for the target antigen. Affinity-matured antibodies are produced by procedures known in the art. For example, Marks et al., *Bio/Technology* 10:779-783 (1992) describes affinity maturation by VH- and VL-domain shuffling. Random mutagenesis of HVR and/or framework residues is described by, for example: Barbas et al. *Proc Nat. Acad. Sci. USA* 91:3809-3813 (1994); Schier et al. *Gene* 169:147-155 (1995); Yelton et al. *J. Immunol.* 155:1994-2004 (1995); Jackson et al., *J. Immunol.* 154(7):3310-9 (1995); and Hawkins *et al*, *J. Mol. Biol.* 226:889-896 (1992).

[0124] As use herein, the term “*specifically recognizes*” or “*specifically binds*” refers to measurable and reproducible interactions such as attraction or binding between a target and an antibody, such as between an anti-TREM2 antibody and TREM2, or an anti-DAP12 antibody and DAP12 that is determinative of the presence of the target in the presence of a heterogeneous population of molecules including biological molecules. For example, an antibody, such as an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure, that specifically or preferentially binds to a target or an epitope is an antibody that binds this target or epitope with greater affinity, avidity, more readily, and/or with greater duration than it binds to other targets or other epitopes of the target. It is also understood by reading this definition that, for example, an antibody (or a moiety) that specifically or preferentially binds to a first target may or may not specifically or preferentially bind to a second target. As such, “*specific binding*” or “*preferential binding*” does not necessarily require (although it can include) exclusive binding. An antibody that specifically binds to a target may have an association constant of at least about 10^3 M^{-1} or 10^4 M^{-1} , sometimes about 10^5 M^{-1} or 10^6 M^{-1} , in other instances about 10^6 M^{-1} or 10^7 M^{-1} ,

about 10^8 M^{-1} to 10^9 M^{-1} , or about 10^{10} M^{-1} to 10^{11} M^{-1} or higher. A variety of immunoassay formats can be used to select antibodies specifically immunoreactive with a particular protein. For example, solid-phase ELISA immunoassays are routinely used to select monoclonal antibodies specifically immunoreactive with a protein. *See, e.g.*, Harlow and Lane (1988) Antibodies, A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Publications, New York, for a description of immunoassay formats and conditions that can be used to determine specific immunoreactivity.

[0125] As used herein, an “*interaction*” between a TREM2 protein, or DAP12 protein, and a second protein encompasses, without limitation, protein-protein interaction, a physical interaction, a chemical interaction, binding, covalent binding, and ionic binding. As used herein, an antibody “inhibits interaction” between two proteins when the antibody disrupts, reduces, or completely eliminates an interaction between the two proteins. An antibody of the present disclosure, or fragment thereof, “inhibits interaction” between two proteins when the antibody or fragment thereof binds to one of the two proteins.

[0126] An “*agonist*” antibody or an “*activating*” antibody is an antibody, such as an agonist anti-TREM2 antibody or an agonist anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure, that induces (*e.g.*, increases) one or more activities or functions of the antigen after the antibody binds the antigen.

[0127] An “*antagonist*” antibody or a “*blocking*” antibody is an antibody, such as an antagonist anti-TREM2 antibody or an antagonist anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure, that reduces or eliminates (*e.g.*, decreases) antigen binding to one or more ligand after the antibody binds the antigen, and/or that reduces or eliminates (*e.g.*, decreases) one or more activities or functions of the antigen after the antibody binds the antigen.

[0128] Antibody “*effector functions*” refer to those biological activities attributable to the Fc region (a native sequence Fc region or amino acid sequence variant Fc region) of an antibody, and vary with the antibody isotype.

[0129] The term “*Fc region*” herein is used to define a C-terminal region of an immunoglobulin heavy chain, including native-sequence Fc regions and variant Fc regions. Although the boundaries of the Fc region of an immunoglobulin heavy chain might vary, the

human IgG heavy-chain Fc region is usually defined to stretch from an amino acid residue at position Cys226, or from Pro230, to the carboxyl-terminus thereof. The C-terminal lysine (residue 447 according to the EU numbering system) of the Fc region may be removed, for example, during production or purification of the antibody, or by recombinantly engineering the nucleic acid encoding a heavy chain of the antibody. Accordingly, a composition of intact antibodies may comprise antibody populations with all K447 residues removed, antibody populations with no K447 residues removed, and antibody populations having a mixture of antibodies with and without the K447 residue. Suitable native-sequence Fc regions for use in the antibodies of the invention include human IgG1, IgG2, IgG3 and IgG4.

[0130] A “*native sequence Fc region*” comprises an amino acid sequence identical to the amino acid sequence of an Fc region found in nature. Native sequence human Fc regions include a native sequence human IgG1 Fc region (non-A and A allotypes); native sequence human IgG2 Fc region; native sequence human IgG3 Fc region; and native sequence human IgG4 Fc region as well as naturally occurring variants thereof.

[0131] A “*variant Fc region*” comprises an amino acid sequence which differs from that of a native sequence Fc region by virtue of at least one amino acid modification, preferably one or more amino acid substitution(s). Preferably, the variant Fc region has at least one amino acid substitution compared to a native sequence Fc region or to the Fc region of a parent polypeptide, *e.g.* from about one to about ten amino acid substitutions, and preferably from about one to about five amino acid substitutions in a native sequence Fc region or in the Fc region of the parent polypeptide. The variant Fc region herein will preferably possess at least about 80% homology with a native sequence Fc region and/or with an Fc region of a parent polypeptide, and most preferably at least about 90% homology therewith, more preferably at least about 95% homology therewith.

[0132] “*Fc receptor*” or “*FcR*” describes a receptor that binds to the Fc region of an antibody. The preferred FcR is a native sequence human FcR. Moreover, a preferred FcR is one which binds an IgG antibody (a gamma receptor) and includes receptors of the FcγRI, FcγRII, and FcγRIII subclasses, including allelic variants and alternatively spliced forms of these

receptors, FcγRII receptors include FcγRIIA (an “activating receptor”) and FcγRIIB (an “inhibiting receptor”), which have similar amino acid sequences that differ primarily in the cytoplasmic domains thereof. Activating receptor FcγRIIA contains an immunoreceptor tyrosine-based activation motif (“ITAM”) in its cytoplasmic domain. Inhibiting receptor FcγRIIB contains an immunoreceptor tyrosine-based inhibition motif (“ITIM”) in its cytoplasmic domain. (see, e.g., M. Daëron, *Annu. Rev. Immunol.* 15:203-234 (1997)). FcRs are reviewed in Ravetch and Kinet, *Annu. Rev. Immunol.* 9:457-92 (1991); Capel et al., *Immunomethods* 4:25-34 (1994); and de Haas et al., *J. Lab. Clin. Med.* 126: 330-41 (1995). Other FcRs, including those to be identified in the future, are encompassed by the term “FcR” herein. FcRs can also increase the serum half-life of antibodies.

[0133] Binding to FcRn *in vivo* and serum half-life of human FcRn high-affinity binding polypeptides can be assayed, e.g., in transgenic mice or transfected human cell lines expressing human FcRn, or in primates to which the polypeptides having a variant Fc region are administered. WO 2004/42072 (Presta) describes antibody variants with improved or diminished binding to FcRs. See also, e.g., Shields et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 9(2):6591-6604 (2001).

[0134] As used herein, “percent (%) amino acid sequence identity” and “homology” with respect to a peptide, polypeptide or antibody sequence refers to the percentage of amino acid residues in a candidate sequence that are identical with the amino acid residues in the specific peptide or polypeptide sequence, after aligning the sequences and introducing gaps, if necessary, to achieve the maximum percent sequence identity, and not considering any conservative substitutions as part of the sequence identity. Alignment for purposes of determining percent amino acid sequence identity can be achieved in various ways that are within the skill in the art, for instance, using publicly available computer software such as BLAST, BLAST-2, ALIGN or MEGALIGN™ (DNASTAR) software. Those skilled in the art can determine appropriate parameters for measuring alignment, including any algorithms known in the art needed to achieve maximal alignment over the full length of the sequences being compared.

[0135] An “isolated” nucleic acid molecule encoding an antibody, such as an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure, is a nucleic acid molecule that is identified

and separated from at least one contaminant nucleic acid molecule with which it is ordinarily associated in the environment in which it was produced. Preferably, the isolated nucleic acid is free of association with all components associated with the production environment. The isolated nucleic acid molecules encoding the polypeptides and antibodies herein is in a form other than in the form or setting in which it is found in nature. Isolated nucleic acid molecules therefore are distinguished from nucleic acid encoding the polypeptides and antibodies herein existing naturally in cells.

[0136] The term “*vector*,” as used herein, is intended to refer to a nucleic acid molecule capable of transporting another nucleic acid to which it has been linked. One type of vector is a “*plasmid*,” which refers to a circular double stranded DNA into which additional DNA segments may be ligated. Another type of vector is a phage vector. Another type of vector is a viral vector, wherein additional DNA segments may be ligated into the viral genome. Certain vectors are capable of autonomous replication in a host cell into which they are introduced (*e.g.*, bacterial vectors having a bacterial origin of replication and episomal mammalian vectors). Other vectors (*e.g.*, non-episomal mammalian vectors) can be integrated into the genome of a host cell upon introduction into the host cell, and thereby are replicated along with the host genome. Moreover, certain vectors are capable of directing the expression of genes to which they are operatively linked. Such vectors are referred to herein as “*recombinant expression vectors*,” or simply, “*expression vectors*.” In general, expression vectors of utility in recombinant DNA techniques are often in the form of plasmids. In the present specification, “*plasmid*” and “*vector*” may be used interchangeably as the plasmid is the most commonly used form of vector.

[0137] “*Polynucleotide*,” or “*nucleic acid*,” as used interchangeably herein, refer to polymers of nucleotides of any length, and include DNA and RNA. The nucleotides can be deoxyribonucleotides, ribonucleotides, modified nucleotides or bases, and/or their analogs, or any substrate that can be incorporated into a polymer by DNA or RNA polymerase or by a synthetic reaction. A polynucleotide may comprise modified nucleotides, such as methylated nucleotides and their analogs. If present, modification to the nucleotide structure may be imparted before or after assembly of the polymer. The sequence of nucleotides may be interrupted by non-nucleotide components. A polynucleotide may comprise modification(s)

made after synthesis, such as conjugation to a label. Other types of modifications include, for example, “caps,” substitution of one or more of the naturally occurring nucleotides with an analog, internucleotide modifications such as, for example, those with uncharged linkages (*e.g.*, methyl phosphonates, phosphotriesters, phosphoamidates, carbamates, *etc.*) and with charged linkages (*e.g.*, phosphorothioates, phosphorodithioates, *etc.*), those containing pendant moieties, such as, for example, proteins (*e.g.*, nucleases, toxins, antibodies, signal peptides, poly-L-lysine, *etc.*), those with intercalators (*e.g.*, acridine, psoralen, *etc.*), those containing chelators (*e.g.*, metals, radioactive metals, boron, oxidative metals, *etc.*), those containing alkylators, those with modified linkages (*e.g.*, alpha anomeric nucleic acids, *etc.*), as well as unmodified forms of the polynucleotides(s). Further, any of the hydroxyl groups ordinarily present in the sugars may be replaced, for example, by phosphonate groups, phosphate groups, protected by standard protecting groups, or activated to prepare additional linkages to additional nucleotides, or may be conjugated to solid or semi-solid supports. The 5' and 3' terminal OH can be phosphorylated or substituted with amines or organic capping group moieties of from 1 to 20 carbon atoms. Other hydroxyls may also be derivatized to standard protecting groups. Polynucleotides can also contain analogous forms of ribose or deoxyribose sugars that are generally known in the art, including, for example, 2'-O-methyl-, 2'-O-allyl-, 2'-fluoro- or 2'-azido-ribose, carbocyclic sugar analogs, α -anomeric sugars, epimeric sugars such as arabinose, xyloses or lyxoses, pyranose sugars, furanose sugars, sedoheptuloses, acyclic analogs, and basic nucleoside analogs such as methyl riboside. One or more phosphodiester linkages may be replaced by alternative linking groups. These alternative linking groups include, but are not limited to, embodiments wherein phosphate is replaced by P(O)S (“thioate”), P(S)S (“dithioate”), (O)NR₂ (“amidate”), P(O)R, P(O)OR', CO, or CH₂ (“formacetal”), in which each R or R' is independently H or substituted or unsubstituted alkyl (1-20 C) optionally containing an ether (-O-) linkage, aryl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl or araldyl. Not all linkages in a polynucleotide need be identical. The preceding description applies to all polynucleotides referred to herein, including RNA and DNA.

[0138] A “*host cell*” includes an individual cell or cell culture that can be or has been a recipient for vector(s) for incorporation of polynucleotide inserts. Host cells include progeny of a single host cell, and the progeny may not necessarily be completely identical (in morphology or

in genomic DNA complement) to the original parent cell due to natural, accidental, or deliberate mutation. A host cell includes cells transfected *in vivo* with a polynucleotide(s) of this invention.

[0139] “*Carriers*” as used herein include pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients, or stabilizers that are nontoxic to the cell or mammal being exposed thereto at the dosages and concentrations employed. Often the physiologically acceptable carrier is an aqueous pH buffered solution. Examples of physiologically acceptable carriers include buffers such as phosphate, citrate, and other organic acids; antioxidants including ascorbic acid; low molecular weight (less than about 10 residues) polypeptide; proteins, such as serum albumin, gelatin, or immunoglobulins; hydrophilic polymers such as polyvinylpyrrolidone; amino acids such as glycine, glutamine, asparagine, arginine or lysine; monosaccharides, disaccharides, and other carbohydrates including glucose, mannose, or dextrins; chelating agents such as EDTA; sugar alcohols such as mannitol or sorbitol; salt-forming counterions such as sodium; and/or nonionic surfactants such as TWEEN™, polyethylene glycol (PEG), and PLURONICS™.

[0140] The term “*about*” as used herein refers to the usual error range for the respective value readily known to the skilled person in this technical field. Reference to “*about*” a value or parameter herein includes (and describes) embodiments that are directed to that value or parameter *per se*.

[0141] As used herein and in the appended claims, the singular forms “a,” “an,” and “the” include plural reference unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. For example, reference to an “antibody” is a reference to from one to many antibodies, such as molar amounts, and includes equivalents thereof known to those skilled in the art, and so forth.

[0142] It is understood that aspect and embodiments of the invention described herein include “comprising,” “consisting,” and “consisting essentially of” aspects and embodiments.

Overview

[0143] The present disclosure relates to anti-TREM2 antibodies and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies with one or more agonist or antagonist activities; methods of making and using such antibodies; pharmaceutical compositions containing such antibodies; nucleic acids encoding such antibodies; and host cells containing nucleic acids encoding such antibodies.

[0144] In some embodiments, and without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that the agonistic activities of the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure are due, at least in part, to the ability of the antibodies to induce or retain TREM2 receptor clustering on the surface of cells. In some embodiments, it is believed that anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies can induce or retain TREM2 receptor clustering *in vivo* by not only binding specifically to TREM2, but by also binding to Fc receptors on adjacent cells, which leads to antibody aggregation that in turn aggregates TREM2. Advantageously, certain immunoglobulin isotypes, including without limitation, IgG2 and IgM, have an intrinsic ability to induce or retain clustering of target antigens (*e.g.*, TREM2) without binding Fc receptors on adjacent cells. In some embodiments, agonistic TREM2 activities can be determined or tested *in vitro* by any of several techniques disclosed herein (*see, e.g.*, **Examples 23-26, 34-37, 41-44, 52-55, and 67-68**), including, without limitation, plate-binding full-length anti-TREM2 antibodies to increase the density of antibodies exposed to TREM2 and cross-linking anti-TREM2 antibodies.

[0145] Accordingly, certain aspects of the present disclosure are based, at least in part, on the identification of anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies that are capable of binding to both human and mouse TREM2 with high affinity (*see, e.g.*, **Examples 1 and 40**); that compete with TREM2-ligand for binding to the ligand-binding site on human and mouse TREM2 (*see, e.g.*, **Examples 26 and 43**); and that exhibit one or more agonistic TREM2 activities, including, without limitation, induction of CD83⁺CD86⁺ dendritic cells (*see, e.g.*, **Examples 23 and 41**), induction of the TREM2 downstream signaling molecule Syk in macrophages and dendritic cells (*see, e.g.*, **Examples 24 and 42**), induction of the TREM2 signaling adaptor molecule DAP12 in macrophages (*see, e.g.*, **Examples 25 and 44**), induction of cell survival of innate immune cells, such as macrophages (*see, e.g.*, **Examples 34 and 52**), and activation of TREM2-dependent gene expression (*see, e.g.*, **Examples 36, 38, 54, 56, and 68**).

[0146] Further aspects of the present disclosure are based, at least in part, on the surprising discovery that the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure can also induce antagonistic activities when the antibody is produced or otherwise formatted such that it is incapable of inducing or retaining TREM2 receptor clustering. In some embodiments, anti-

TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure exhibit one or more antagonistic TREM2 activities, including, without limitation, inhibition of cell survival of innate immune cells ((*see, e.g., Examples 35 and 53*), and inhibition of TREM2-dependent gene expression (*see, e.g., Examples 37, 55, and 67*).

TREM2 proteins

[0147] In one aspect, the invention provides antibodies that bind to a TREM2 protein of the present disclosure and modulate one or more TREM2 activities after binding to a TREM2 protein expressed in a cell.

[0148] TREM2 proteins of the present disclosure include, without limitation, a mammalian TREM2 protein, human TREM2 protein (Uniprot Accession No. Q9NZC2), mouse TREM2 protein (Uniprot Accession No. Q99NH8), rat TREM2 protein (Uniprot Accession No. D3ZZ89), Rhesus monkey TREM2 protein (Uniprot Accession No. F6QVF2), bovine TREM2 protein (Uniprot Accession No. Q05B59), equine TREM2 protein (Uniprot Accession No. F7D6L0), pig TREM2 protein (Uniprot Accession No. H2EZZ3), and dog TREM2 protein (Uniprot Accession No. E2RP46). As used herein “TREM2 protein” refers to both wild-type sequences and naturally occurring variant sequences.

[0149] Triggering receptor expressed on myeloid cells-2 (TREM2) is variously referred to as TREM-2, Trem2a, Trem2b, Trem2c, triggering receptor expressed on myeloid cells-2a, and triggering receptor expressed on monocytes-2. TREM2 is a 230 amino acid membrane protein. TREM2 is an immunoglobulin-like receptor primarily expressed on myeloid lineage cells, including without limitation, macrophages, dendritic cells, osteoclasts, microglia, monocytes, Langerhans cells of skin, and Kupffer cells. In some embodiments, TREM2 forms a receptor-signaling complex with DAP12. In some embodiments, TREM2 phosphorylates and signals through DAP12 (an ITAM domain adaptor protein). In some embodiments TREM2 signaling results in the downstream activation of PI3K or other intracellular signals. On Myeloid cells, Toll-like receptor (TLR) signals are important for the activation of TREM2 activities, *e.g.,* in the context of an infection response. TLRs also play a key role in the pathological inflammatory response, *e.g.,* TLRs expressed in macrophages and dendritic cells.

[0150] In some embodiments, an example of a human TREM2 amino acid sequence is set forth below as SEQ ID NO: 1:

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      10      20      30      40      50      60
MEPLRLILL FVTELSGAHN TTVFQGVAGQ SLQVSCPYS MKHWGRRKAW CRQLGEKGPC

      70      80      90     100     110     120
QRVVSTHNLW LLSFLRRWNG STAITDDTLG GTLTITLRNL QPHDAGLYQC QSLHGSEADT

     130     140     150     160     170     180
LRKVLVEVLA DPLDHRDAGD LWFPGESESF EDAHVEHSIS RSLLEGEIPF PPTSILLLLA

     190     200     210     220     230
CIFLIKILAA SALWAAAWHG QKPGTHPPSE LDCGHDPGYQ LQTLPLRLDT

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[0151] In some embodiments, the human TREM2 is a preprotein that includes a signal peptide. In some embodiments, the human TREM2 is a mature protein. In some embodiments, the mature TREM2 protein does not include a signal peptide. In some embodiments, the mature TREM2 protein is expressed on a cell. In some embodiments, TREM2 contains a signal peptide located at amino acid residues 1-18 of human TREM2 (SEQ ID NO: 1); an extracellular immunoglobulin-like variable-type (IgV) domain located at amino acid residues 29-112 of human TREM2 (SEQ ID NO: 1); additional extracellular sequences located at amino acid residues 113-174 of human TREM2 (SEQ ID NO: 1); a transmembrane domain located at amino acid residues 175-195 of human TREM2 (SEQ ID NO: 1); and an intracellular domain located at amino acid residues 196-230 of human TREM2 (SEQ ID NO: 1).

[0152] The transmembrane domain of human TREM2 contains a lysine at amino acid residue 186 that can interact with an aspartic acid in DAP12, which is a key adaptor protein that transduces signaling from TREM2, TREM1, and other related IgV family members.

[0153] Homologues of human TREM2 include, without limitation, the natural killer (NK) cell receptor NK-p44 (NCTR2), the polymeric immunoglobulin receptor (pIgR), CD300E, CD300A, CD300C, and TREML1/TLT1. In some embodiments, NCTR2 has similarity with TREM2 within the IgV domain.

DAP12 proteins

[0154] In one aspect, the invention provides antibodies that bind to a DAP12 protein of the present disclosure and modulate one or more DAP12 activities after binding to a DAP12 protein expressed in a cell.

[0155] DAP12 proteins of the present disclosure include, without limitation, a mammalian DAP12 protein, human DAP12 protein (Uniprot Accession No. O43914), mouse DAP12 protein (Uniprot Accession No. O54885), rat DAP12 protein (Uniprot Accession No. Q6X9T7), Rhesus monkey DAP12 protein (Uniprot Accession No. Q8WNQ8), bovine DAP12 protein (Uniprot Accession No. Q95J80), and pig DAP12 protein (Uniprot Accession No. Q9TU45). As used herein “DAP12 protein” refers to both wild-type sequences and naturally occurring variant sequences.

[0156] DNAX-activation protein 12 (DAP12) is variously referred to as Killer-activating receptor-associated protein, KAR-associated protein (KARAP), PLOSL, PLO-SL, TYRO protein, and tyrosine kinase-binding protein. DAP12 is a 113 amino acid membrane protein. In some embodiments, DAP12 functions as a transmembrane signaling polypeptide, which contains an immunoreceptor tyrosine-based activation motif (ITAM) in its cytoplasmic domain. It may associate with the killer-cell inhibitory receptor (KIR) family of membrane glycoproteins and may act as an activating signal transduction element. In other embodiments, the DAP12 protein may bind zeta-chain (TCR) associated protein kinase 70kDa (ZAP-70) and spleen tyrosine kinase (SYK), and play a role in signal transduction, bone modeling, brain myelination, and inflammation.

[0157] Mutations within the DAP12-encoding gene have been associated with polycystic lipomembranous osteodysplasia with sclerosing leukoencephalopathy (PLOSL), also known as Nasu-Hakola disease. Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that the DAP12 receptor is TREM2, which also causes PLOSL. Multiple alternative transcript variants encoding distinct isoforms of DAP12 have been identified. DAP12 non-covalently associates with activating receptors of the CD300 family. Cross-linking of CD300-TYROBP/DAP12 complexes results in cellular activation, such as neutrophil activation mediated by integrin. DAP12 is a

homodimer; disulfide-linked protein. In some embodiments, DAP12 interacts with SIRPB1, TREM1, CLECSF5, SIGLEC14, CD300LB, CD300E, and CD300D by similarity and via ITAM domain, as well as with SYK via SH2 domain. In other embodiments, DAP12 activates SYK, which mediates neutrophils and macrophages integrin-mediated activation. In other embodiments, DAP12 interacts with KLRC2 and KIR2DS3.

[0158] In some embodiments, an example of a human DAP12 amino acid sequence is set forth below as SEQ ID NO: 2:

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      10      20      30      40      50      60
MGGLEPCSR LLLPLLLAVS GLRPVQAQAQ SDCSCSTVSP GVLGIVMGD LVLTVLIALA

      70      80      90     100     110
VYFLGRLVPR GRGAAEAATR KQRITETESP YQELQGQRSD VYSDLNTQRP YYK

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[0159] In some embodiments, the human DAP12 is a preprotein that includes a signal peptide. In some embodiments, the human DAP12 is a mature protein. In some embodiments, the mature DAP12 protein does not include a signal peptide. In some embodiments, the mature DAP12 protein is expressed on a cell. DAP12 is a single-pass type I membrane protein. It contains an extracellular domain located at amino acid residues 22-40 of human DAP12 (SEQ ID NO: 2); a transmembrane domain located at amino acid residues 41-61 of human DAP12 (SEQ ID NO: 2); and an intracellular domain located at amino acid residues 62-113 of human DAP12 (SEQ ID NO: 2). The immunoreceptor tyrosine-based activation motif (ITAM) domain is located at amino acid residues 80-118 of human DAP12 (SEQ ID NO: 2).

[0160] In some embodiments, an aspartic acid residue in DAP12 interacts with the transmembrane domain of human TREM2 containing a lysine at amino acid residue 186, and transduces signaling from TREM2, TREM1, and other related IgV family member proteins.

Anti-TREM2 and anti-DAP12 antibodies

[0161] Certain aspects of the present disclosure relate to antibodies that specifically bind to TREM2 and/or DAP12. In some embodiments, antibodies of the present disclosure bind a mature TREM2 protein and/or DAP12 protein. In some embodiments, antibodies of the present disclosure bind a mature TREM2 protein and/or DAP12 protein, wherein the mature TREM2

protein and/or DAP12 protein is expressed on a cell. In some embodiments, antibodies of the present disclosure bind a TREM2 protein and/or DAP12 protein expressed on one or more human cells selected from human dendritic cells, human macrophages, human monocytes, human osteoclasts, human Langerhans cells of skin, human Kupffer cells, human microglia, and any combinations thereof. In some embodiments, antibodies of the present disclosure are agonist antibodies. In some embodiments, antibodies of the present disclosure are inert antibodies. In some embodiments, antibodies of the present disclosure are antagonist antibodies.

Agonist antibodies

[0162] Anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure generally bind to one or more TREM2 proteins and/or DAP12 proteins expressed in a cell. One class of antibodies is agonist antibodies. For example, the TREM2 receptor is thought to require clustering on the cell surface in order to transduce a signal. Thus agonist antibodies may have unique features to stimulate, for example, the TREM2 receptor. For example, they may have the correct epitope specificity that is compatible with receptor activation, as well as the ability to induce or retain receptor clustering on the cell surface.

[0163] *In vivo*, antibodies may cluster receptors by multiple potential mechanisms. Some isotypes of human antibodies such as IgG2 have, due to their unique structure, an intrinsic ability to cluster receptors, or retain receptors in a clustered configuration, thereby activating receptors such as TREM2 without binding to an Fc receptor (*e.g.*, White et al., (2015) Cancer Cell 27, 138–148).

[0164] Other antibodies cluster receptors (*e.g.*, TREM2) by binding to Fcγ receptors on adjacent cells. Binding of the constant IgG Fc part of the antibody to Fcγ receptors leads to aggregation of the antibodies, and the antibodies in turn aggregate the receptors to which they bind through their variable region (Chu et al (2008) Mol Immunol , 45:3926-3933; and Wilson et al., (2011) Cancer Cell 19, 101–113). Binding to the inhibitory Fcγ receptor FcγR (FcγRIIB) that does not elicit cytokine secretion, oxidative burst, increased phagocytosis, and enhanced antibody-dependent, cell-mediated cytotoxicity (ADCC) is often a preferred way to cluster antibodies *in vivo*, since binding to FcγRIIB is not associated with immune adverse effects.

[0165] Other mechanisms may also be used to cluster receptors (*e.g.*, TREM2). For example, antibody fragments (*e.g.*, Fab fragments) that are cross-linked together may be used to cluster receptors (*e.g.*, TREM2) in a manner similar to antibodies with Fc regions that bind Fcγ receptors, as described above. Without wishing to be bound to theory, it is thought that cross-linked antibody fragments (*e.g.*, Fab fragments) may function as agonist antibodies if they induce receptor clustering on the cell surface and bind an appropriate epitope on the target (*e.g.*, TREM2).

[0166] Therefore, in some embodiments, antibodies that bind a TREM2 protein and/or a DAP12 protein may include agonist antibodies that due to their epitope specificity bind TREM2 and/or DAP12 and activate one or more TREM2 and/or DAP12 activities. Without wishing to be bound to theory, such antibodies may bind to the ligand-binding site on the target antigen (*e.g.*, TREM2 and/or DAP12) and mimic the action of a natural ligand, or stimulate the target antigen to transduce signal by binding to one or more domains that are not the ligand-binding sites. Such antibodies would not interfere with ligand binding and may act additively or synergistically with the natural ligands.

[0167] In some embodiments, an antibody of the present disclosure is an agonist antibody that induces one or more TREM2 activities, one or more DAP12 activities, or one or more TREM2 activities and one or more DAP12 activities. In some embodiments the antibody induces one or more activities of TREM2 and/or DAP12 after binding to a TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein that is expressed in a cell. In certain embodiments, the one or more TREM2 activities, the one or more DAP12 activities, or both are selected from TREM2 binding to DAP12; DAP12 binding to TREM2; DAP12 phosphorylation; TREM2 phosphorylation; PI3K activation; increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory cytokines, increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory mediators (*e.g.*, cytokines) selected from IL-12p70, IL-6, and IL-10; reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory cytokines; reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators selected from the group consisting of IFN-α4, IFN-β, IL-6, IL-12 p70, IL-1β, TNF, TNF-α, IL-10, IL-8, CRP, TGF-β members of the chemokine protein families, IL-20 family members, IL-33, LIF, IFN-γ, OSM, CNTF, TGF-β, GM-CSF, IL-11, IL-12, IL-17, IL-18, MCP-1, and CRP; reduced expression of TNF-α;

reduced expression of IL-6; extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK) phosphorylation; increased expression of C-C chemokine receptor 7 (CCR7); induction of microglial cell chemotaxis toward CCL19 and CCL21 expressing cells; an enhancement, normalization, or both of the ability of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells to induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation; induction of osteoclast production, increased rate of osteoclastogenesis, or both; increasing the survival and/or function of one or more of macrophages, microglial cells, M1 macrophages and/or microglial cells, activated M1 macrophages and/or microglial cells, M2 macrophages and/or microglial cells, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and Kupffer cells; induction of one or more types of clearance selected from apoptotic neuron clearance, nerve tissue debris clearance, non-nerve tissue debris clearance, bacteria or other foreign body clearance, disease-causing protein clearance, disease-causing peptide clearance, and disease-causing nucleic acid clearance; induction of phagocytosis of one or more of apoptotic neurons, nerve tissue debris, non-nerve tissue debris, bacteria, other foreign bodies, disease-causing proteins, disease-causing peptides, or disease-causing nucleic acids (e.g., antisense GGCCCC (G2C4) repeat-expansion RNA); normalization of disrupted TREM2/DAP12-dependent gene expression; recruitment of Syk, ZAP70, or both to a DAP12/TREM2 complex; Syk phosphorylation; increased expression of CD83 and/or CD86 on dendritic cells, macrophages, monocytes, and/or microglia; reduced secretion of one or more inflammatory cytokines; reduced secretion of one or more inflammatory cytokines selected from TNF- α , IL-10, IL-6, MCP-1, FN-a4, IFN-b, IL-1 β , IL-8, CRP, TGF-beta members of the chemokine protein families, IL-20 family members, IL-33, LIF, IFN-gamma, OSM, CNTF, TGF-beta, GM-CSF, IL-11, IL-12, IL-17, and IL-18; reduced expression of one or more inflammatory receptors; increasing phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglia under conditions of reduced levels of MCSF; decreasing phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglia in the presence of normal levels of MCSF; increasing activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes (e.g., transcription factors of the nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) family of transcription factors).

[0168] An antibody dependent on binding to Fc γ R receptor to activate targeted receptors may lose its agonist activity if engineered to eliminate Fc γ R binding (see, *e.g.*, Wilson et al., (2011))

Cancer Cell 19, 101–113; Armour et al., (2003) Immunology 40 (2003) 585–593; and White et al., (2015) Cancer Cell 27, 138–148). As such, it is thought that an antibody of the present disclosure with the correct epitope specificity can be an agonist antibody and activate the target antigen, with minimal adverse effects, when the antibody has an Fc domain from a human IgG2 isotype (CH1 and hinge region) or another type of Fc domain that is capable of preferentially binding the inhibitory FcγRIIB receptors, or a variation thereof.

[0169] Exemplary agonist antibody Fc isotypes and modifications are provided in Table 2 below. In some embodiments, the agonist antibody has an Fc isotype listed in Table 2 below.

Table 2. Exemplary anti-TREM2 agonist antibody Fc isotypes

Fc Isotype	Mutation (EU or Kabat numbering scheme)
IgG1	N297A
IgG1	D265A and N297A
IgG1	L234A and L235A L234A and G237A L234A and L235A and G237A
IgG2	V234A and G237A
IgG4	L235A and G237A and E318A
IgG4	S228P and L236E
IgG2/4 hybrid	IgG2 aa 118-260 and IgG4 aa 261 to 447
IgG2	H268Q and V309L; and A330S and P331S
IgG1	C226S and C229S and E233P and L234V and L235A
IgG1	L234F and L235E and P331S
IgG2	C232S or C233S
IgG2	A330S and P331S
IgG1	S267E, and L328F S267E alone
IgG2	S267E and L328F
IgG4	S267E and L328F
IgG2	WT HC with Kappa (light chain) LC HC C127S with Kappa LC Kappa LC C214S Kappa LC C214S and HC C233S Kappa LC C214S and HC C232S Any of the above listed mutations together with P330S and P331S mutations F(ab') ₂ fragment of WT IgG1 and any of the above listed mutations

Fc Isotype	Mutation (EU or Kabat numbering scheme)
IgG1	Substitute the Constant Heavy 1 (CH1) and hinge region of IgG1 With CH1 and hinge region of IGg2 ASTKGPSVFP LAPCSRSTSE STAALGCLVK DYFPEPVTVS WNSGALTSGV HTFPAVLQSS GLYSLSSVVT VPSSNFGTQT YTCNVDPHKPS NTKVDDKTVR KCCVECPPCP (SEQ ID NO: 397) With a Kappa LC
IgG1	Any of the above listed mutations together with A330L and/ or L234F and/or L235E and/or P331S
IgG1, IgG2, or IgG4	Any of the above listed mutations together with M252Y and/or S254T and/or T256E
Mouse IgG1	For mouse disease models
IgG4	WT

[0170] In addition to the isotypes described in Table 2, and without wishing to be bound to theory, it is thought that antibodies with human IgG1 or IgG3 isotypes and mutants thereof (e.g. Strohl (2009) Current Opinion in Biotechnology 2009, 20:685–691) that bind the activating Fcγ Receptors I, IIA, IIC, IIIA, IIIB in human and/or Fcγ Receptors I, III and IV in mouse, may also act as agonist antibodies *in vivo* but may be associated with adverse effects related to ADCC. However, such Fcγ receptors appear to be less available for antibody binding *in vivo*, as compared to the Inhibitory Fcγ receptor FcγRIIB (see, *e.g.*, White, et al., (2013) Cancer Immunol. Immunother. 62, 941–948; and Li et al., (2011) IScience 333(6045):1030–1034.).

[0171] In some embodiments, the agonist antibody is of the IgG class, the IgM class, or the IgA class. In some embodiments, the agonist antibody has an IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, or IgG4 isotype.

[0172] In certain embodiments, the agonist antibody has an IgG2 isotype. In some embodiments, the agonist antibody contains a human IgG2 constant region. In some embodiments, the human IgG2 constant region includes an Fc region. In some embodiments, the agonist antibody induces the one or more TREM2 activities, the DAP12 activities, or both independently of binding to an Fc receptor. In some embodiments, the agonist antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor. In certain embodiments, the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-γ receptor IIB (FcγRIIB). In some embodiments, the Fc region contains one or more

modifications. For example, in some embodiments, the Fc region contains one or more amino acid substitutions (*e.g.*, relative to a wild-type Fc region of the same isotype). In some embodiments, the one or more amino acid substitutions are selected from V234A (Alegre et al., (1994) *Transplantation* 57:1537-1543. 31; Xu et al., (2000) *Cell Immunol*, 200:16-26), G237A (Cole et al. (1999) *Transplantation*, 68:563-571), H268Q, V309L, A330S, P331S (US 2007/0148167; Armour et al. (1999) *Eur J Immunol* 29: 2613-2624; Armour et al. (2000) *The Haematology Journal* 1(Suppl.1):27; Armour et al. (2000) *The Haematology Journal* 1(Suppl.1):27), C232S, and/or C233S (White et al.(2015) *Cancer Cell* 27, 138-148), S267E, L328F (Chu et al., (2008) *Mol Immunol*, 45:3926-3933), M252Y, S254T, and/or T256E, where the amino acid position is according to the EU or Kabat numbering convention.

[0173] In some embodiments, the agonist antibody has an IgG2 isotype with a heavy chain constant domain that contains a C127S amino acid substitution, where the amino acid position is according to the EU or Kabat numbering convention (White et al.,(2015) *Cancer Cell* 27, 138-148; Lightle et al., (2010) *PROTEIN SCIENCE* 19:753-762; and WO2008079246).

[0174] In some embodiments, the agonist antibody has an IgG2 isotype with a Kappa light chain constant domain that contains a C214S amino acid substitution, where the amino acid position is according to the EU or Kabat numbering convention (White et al.,(2015) *Cancer Cell* 27, 138-148; Lightle et al., (2010) *PROTEIN SCIENCE* 19:753-762; and WO2008079246).

[0175] In certain embodiments, the agonist antibody has an IgG1 isotype. In some embodiments, the agonist antibody contains a mouse IgG1 constant region. In some embodiments, the agonist antibody contains a human IgG1 constant region. In some embodiments, the human IgG1 constant region includes an Fc region. In some embodiments, the agonist antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor. In certain embodiments, the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-gamma receptor IIB (FcγIIB). In some embodiments, the Fc region contains one or more modifications. For example, in some embodiments, the Fc region contains one or more amino acid substitutions (*e.g.*, relative to a wild-type Fc region of the same isotype). In some embodiments, the one or more amino acid substitutions are selected from N297A (Bolt S et al. (1993) *Eur J Immunol* 23:403-411), D265A (Shields et al. (2001) *R. J. Biol. Chem.* 276,

6591–6604), L234A, L235A (Hutchins et al. (1995) *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA*, 92:11980-11984; Alegre et al., (1994) *Transplantation* 57:1537-1543. 31; Xu et al., (2000) *Cell Immunol*, 200:16-26), G237A (Alegre et al. (1994) *Transplantation* 57:1537-1543. 31; Xu et al. (2000) *Cell Immunol*, 200:16-26), C226S, C229S, E233P, L234V, L234F, L235E (McEarchern et al., (2007) *Blood*, 109:1185-1192), P331S (Sazinsky et al., (2008) *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 2008, 105:20167-20172), S267E, L328F, A330L, M252Y, S254T, and/or T256E, where the amino acid position is according to the EU or Kabat numbering convention.

[0176] In some embodiments, the antibody includes an IgG2 isotype heavy chain constant domain 1(CH1) and hinge region (White et al., (2015) *Cancer Cell* 27, 138–148). In certain embodiments, the IgG2 isotype CH1 and hinge region contain the amino acid sequence of ASTKGPSVFPLAPCSRSTSESTAALGCLVKDYFPEPVTVSWNSGALTSGVHTFPAVLQSSGLYSLSSVVT VPSSNFGTQT YTCNVDHKPS NTKVDKTVERKCCVECPCP (SEQ ID NO: 397). In some embodiments, the antibody Fc region contains a S267E amino acid substitution, a L328F amino acid substitution, or both, and/or a N297A or N297Q amino acid substitution, where the amino acid position is according to the EU or Kabat numbering convention.

[0177] In certain embodiments, the agonist antibody has an IgG4 isotype. In some embodiments, the agonist antibody contains a human IgG4 constant region. In some embodiments, the human IgG4 constant region includes an Fc region. In some embodiments, the agonist antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor. In certain embodiments, the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-gamma receptor IIB (FcγIIB). In some embodiments, the Fc region contains one or more modifications. For example, in some embodiments, the Fc region contains one or more amino acid substitutions (*e.g.*, relative to a wild-type Fc region of the same isotype). In some embodiments, the one or more amino acid substitutions are selected from L235A, G237A, S228P, L236E (Reddy et al., (2000) *J Immunol*, 164:1925-1933), S267E, E318A, L328F, M252Y, S254T, and/or T256E, where the amino acid position is according to the EU or Kabat numbering convention.

[0178] In certain embodiments, the agonist antibody has a hybrid IgG2/4 isotype. In some embodiments, the agonist antibody includes an amino acid sequence containing amino acids 118 to 260 according to Kabat numbering convention of human IgG2 and amino acids 261 to 447 according to EU or Kabat numbering convention of human IgG4 (WO 1997/11971; WO 2007/106585).

[0179] In certain embodiments, the antibody contains a mouse IgG4 constant region (Bartholomaeus, et al. (2014). *J. Immunol.* 192, 2091–2098).

[0180] In some embodiments, the Fc region further contains one or more additional amino acid substitutions selected from the group consisting of A330L, L234F, L235E, and/or P331S, where the amino acid position is according to the EU or Kabat numbering convention.

Inert antibodies

[0181] Another class of antibodies of the present disclosure includes inert antibodies. As used herein, “inert” antibodies refer to antibodies that specifically bind their target antigen but do not modulate (*e.g.*, decrease/inhibit or activate/induce) antigen function. For example, in the case of TREM2, inert antibodies do not modulate ligand binding and/or TREM2 activities. Without wishing to be bound to theory, it is thought that antibodies that do not have the ability to cluster TREM2 on the cell surface may be inert antibodies even if they have an epitope specificity that is compatible with receptor activation.

[0182] In some embodiments, antibodies that bind a TREM2 protein and/or a DAP12 protein may include antibodies that bind TREM2 and/or DAP12 but, due to their epitope specificity, do not modulate protein function. Such functionally inert antibodies can be used as cargo to transport toxins as described for the CD33 antibody Gemtuzumab zogamicin, (marketed as Mylotarg) which is conjugated to the cytotoxic agent from the class of calicheamicins and is used to target and kill acute myelogenous leukemia tumors (Naito et al., (2000), *Leukemia*, 14, 1436–1443; Ricart (2011) *Clin Cancer Res* 17; 6417–6436; Hamann et al., (2002) *Journal: Bioconjugate Chemistry*, 13, 47–58; and Beitz et al., (2001) *Clin Cancer Res* 7 ; 1490–6.). Therefore, in some embodiments, antibodies of the present disclosure are inert antibodies that bind TREM2 and/or DAP12 but are incapable of inducing one or more TREM2 activities

(e.g., a TREM2 activity described herein) and/or DAP12 activities (e.g., a DAP12 activity described herein).

[0183] Exemplary inert antibody Fc isotypes and modifications are provided in Table 3 below. In some embodiments, the inert antibody has an Fc isotype listed in Table 3 below.

Antagonist antibodies

[0184] A third class of antibodies of the present disclosure includes antagonist antibodies. In some embodiments, antibodies that bind a TREM2 protein and/or a DAP12 protein may include antagonist antibodies that bind TREM2 and/or DAP12 and inhibit one or more TREM2 activities and/or DAP12 activities, either by preventing interaction between TREM2 and/or DAP12 and its ligand(s), or by preventing the transduction of signal from the extracellular domain of TREM2 and/or DAP12 into the cell cytoplasm in the presence of ligand. In some embodiments, antagonist antibodies of the present disclosure may have the epitope specificity of an agonist antibody of the present disclosure, but have an Fc domain that is not capable of binding Fcγ receptors and thus is unable to, for example, cluster DAP12 and/or the TREM2 receptor.

[0185] In some embodiments, an antibody of the present disclosure is an antagonist antibody. In some embodiments, the antagonist antibody inhibits one or more TREM2 and/or DAP12 activities. In some embodiments, the antagonist antibody decreases activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes. In some embodiments, the one or more TREM2-dependent genes include, without limitation, one or more nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) transcription factors. In some embodiments, the antagonist antibody decreases the survival of macrophages, microglial cells, M1 macrophages, M1 microglial cells, M2 macrophages, M2 microglial cells, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, and/or dendritic cell. In some embodiments, the antagonist antibody inhibits interaction between TREM2 and/or DAP12 and one or more TREM2 and/or DAP12 ligands. In some embodiments, the antagonist antibody inhibits TREM2 and/or DAP12 signal transduction. In some embodiments, the antagonist antibody inhibits interaction between TREM2 and/or DAP12 and one or more TREM2 and/or DAP12 ligands and inhibits TREM2 and/or DAP12 signal transduction.

[0186] In some embodiments, antibody cross-linking is required for agonist antibody function. Antibody cross-linking can occur through binding to a secondary antibody *in vitro* or through binding to Fc receptors *in vivo*. For example, antagonistic antibodies can be converted to agonistic antibodies via biotin/streptavidin cross-linking or secondary antibody binding *in vitro* (see for example Gravestine *et al.*, (1996) *J. Exp. Med.* 184:675-685; Gravestine *et al.*, (1994) *International Immunol.* 7:551-557). Agonistic antibodies may exert their activity by mimicking the biological activity of the receptor ligand or by enhancing receptor aggregation, thereby activating receptor signaling. In some embodiments, the absence of antibody cross-linking is required for antagonistic activity. Antagonistic antibodies may exert their activity by blocking receptor-ligand interactions.

[0187] Exemplary antagonist antibody Fc isotypes and modifications are provided in Table 3 below. In some embodiments, the antagonist antibody has an Fc isotype listed in Table 3 below.

Inert and antagonist antibody Fc isotypes

[0188] In some embodiments, inert and/or antagonist anti-TREM antibodies of the present disclosure include one or more of the Fc isotypes and modifications listed in Table 3.

Table 3. Exemplary inert and antagonist anti-TREM2 antibody Fc isotypes

Fc Isotype	Mutation (EU or Kabat numbering scheme)
IgG1	N297A or N297Q
IgG1	D265A and N297A
IgG1	L234A and L235A
IgG2	V234A and G237A
IgG4	L235A and G237A and E318A E233P and/or F234V N297A or N297Q
IgG4	S228P and L236E S241P S241P and L248E
IgG2	H268Q and V309L and A330S and P331S
IgG1	C220S and C226S and C229S and P238S
IgG1	C226S and C229S and E233P and L234V, and L235A
IgG1	E233P and L234V and L235A and G236-deleted P238A D265A

Fc Isotype	Mutation (EU or Kabat numbering scheme)
	N297A A327Q or A327G P329A
IgG1	K322A and L234A and L235A
IgG1	L234F and L235E and P331S
IgG1 or IgG4	T394D
IgG2	C232S or C233S N297A or N297Q
IgG1, IgG2, or IgG4	delta a,b , c, ab, ac, g modifications
IgG1	Any of the above listed mutations together with A330L or L234F and/or L235E and/or P331S
IgG1, IgG2, or IgG4	Any of the above listed mutations together with M252Y and/or S254T and/or T256E

[0189] In certain embodiments, the antibody has an IgG1 isotype. In some embodiments, the antibody contains a mouse IgG1 constant region. In some embodiments, the antibody contains a human IgG1 constant region. In some embodiments, the human IgG1 constant region includes an Fc region. In some embodiments, the Fc region contains one or more modifications. For example, in some embodiments, the Fc region contains one or more amino acid substitutions (*e.g.*, relative to a wild-type Fc region of the same isotype). In some embodiments, the one or more amino acid substitutions are selected from N297A, N297Q (Bolt S et al. (1993) *Eur J Immunol* 23:403-411), D265A, L234A, L235A (McEarchern et al., (2007) *Blood*, 109:1185-1192), C226S, C229S (McEarchern et al., (2007) *Blood*, 109:1185-1192), P238S (Davis et al., (2007) *J Rheumatol*, 34:2204-2210), E233P, L234V (McEarchern et al., (2007) *Blood*, 109:1185-1192), P238A, A327Q, A327G, P329A (Shields RL. et al., (2001) *J Biol Chem.* 276(9):6591-604), K322A, L234F, L235E (Hezareh, et al., (2001) *J Virol* 75, 12161–12168; Oganesyan et al., (2008). *Acta Crystallographica* 64, 700–704), P331S (Oganesyan et al., (2008) *Acta Crystallographica* 64, 700–704), T394D (Wilkinson et al. (2013) *MAbs* 5(3): 406–417), A330L, M252Y, S254T, and/or T256E, where the amino acid position is according to the EU or Kabat numbering convention. In certain embodiments, the Fc region further includes an amino acid deletion at a position corresponding to glycine 236 according to the EU or Kabat numbering convention.

[0190] In some embodiments, the antibody has an IgG1 isotype with a heavy chain constant region that contains a C220S amino acid substitution according to the EU or Kabat numbering convention.

[0191] In some embodiments, the Fc region further contains one or more additional amino acid substitutions selected from A330L, L234F; L235E, and/or P331S according to EU or Kabat numbering convention.

[0192] In certain embodiments, the antibody has an IgG2 isotype. In some embodiments, the antibody contains a human IgG2 constant region. In some embodiments, the human IgG2 constant region includes an Fc region. In some embodiments, the Fc region contains one or more modifications. For example, in some embodiments, the Fc region contains one or more amino acid substitutions (*e.g.*, relative to a wild-type Fc region of the same isotype). In some embodiments, the one or more amino acid substitutions are selected from V234A, G237A, H268E, V309L, N297A, N297Q, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, M252Y, S254T, and/or T256E, where the amino acid position is according to the EU or Kabat numbering convention.

[0193] In certain embodiments, the antibody has an IgG4 isotype. In some embodiments, the antibody contains a human IgG4 constant region. In some embodiments, the human IgG4 constant region includes an Fc region. In some embodiments, the Fc region contains one or more modifications. For example, in some embodiments, the Fc region contains one or more amino acid substitutions (*e.g.*, relative to a wild-type Fc region of the same isotype). In some embodiments, the one or more amino acid substitutions are selected from E233P, F234V, L235A, G237A, E318A (Hutchins et al. (1995) *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA*, 92:11980-11984), S228P, L236E, S241P, L248E (Reddy et al., (2000) *J Immunol*, 164:1925-1933; Angal et al., (1993) *Mol Immunol*, 30(1):105-8; US 8614299 B2), T394D, M252Y, S254T, T256E, N297A, and/or N297Q, where the amino acid position is according to the EU or Kabat numbering convention.

[0194] In some embodiments, the Fc region further contains one or more additional amino acid substitutions selected from a M252Y, S254T, and/or T256E, where the amino acid position is according to the EU or Kabat numbering convention.

Further IgG mutations

[0195] In some embodiments, one or more of the IgG1 variants described herein may be combined with an A330L mutation (Lazar et al., (2006) Proc Natl Acad Sci USA, 103:4005-4010), or one or more of L234F, L235E, and/or P331S mutations (Sazinsky et al., (2008) Proc Natl Acad Sci USA, 105:20167-20172), where the amino acid position is according to the EU or Kabat numbering convention, to eliminate complement activation. In some embodiments, the IgG variants described herein may be combined with one or more mutations to enhance the antibody half-life in human serum (e.g. M252Y, S254T, T256E mutations according to the EU or Kabat numbering convention) (Dall'Acqua et al., (2006) J Biol Chem, 281:23514-23524; and Strohl et al., (2009) Current Opinion in Biotechnology, 20:685-691).

[0196] In some embodiments, an IgG4 variant of the present disclosure may be combined with an S228P mutation according to the EU or Kabat numbering convention (Angal et al., (1993) Mol Immunol, 30:105-108) and/or with one or more mutations described in Peters et al., (2012) J Biol Chem. 13;287(29):24525-33) to enhance antibody stabilization.

Anti-TREM2 antibodies

[0197] Certain aspects of the present disclosure related to anti-TREM2 antibodies.

[0198] In certain embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure are agonist antibodies that induce one or more TREM2 activities. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure are agonist antibodies that promote survival of one or more innate immune cells. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure promote survival of macrophages, microglial cells, M1 microglial cells, activated M1 microglial cells, M2 microglial cells, dendritic cells, M1 macrophages, activated M1 macrophages, M2 macrophages, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and/or Kupffer cells. In some embodiments, promoting survival of one or more innate immune cells encompasses prolonging cell survival or otherwise delaying cell death. Accordingly, in some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure prolong cell survival of one or more innate immune cells. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure delay cell death of one or more innate immune cells. In some embodiments, promoting cell survival and/or prolonging cell

survival is determined by measuring cell survival of one or more innate immune cells in the presence of the anti-TREM2 antibody as compared to cell survival of corresponding one or more innate immune cells in the absence of the anti-TRME2 antibody. In some embodiments, delay in cell death is determined by measuring cell death of one or more innate immune cells in the presence of the anti-TREM2 antibody as compared to cell death of corresponding one or more innate immune cells in the absence of the anti-TRME2 antibody. Any suitable methods of measuring cell survival or cell death known in the art and disclosed herein may be used (*see, e.g., Examples 30, 34, 35, 38, 52, 53, and 56*). In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure are agonist antibodies that increase IL-6 expression. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure are agonist antibodies that promote survival of one or more innate immune cells and increase expression of IL-6. Any suitable methods known in the art and disclosed herein for measuring IL-6 expression in a cell may be used (*see, e.g., Examples 28, 38, and 68*).

[0199] In certain embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure are inert or antagonist antibodies that inhibit one or more TREM2 activities. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure are inert or antagonist antibodies that decrease survival of one or more innate immune cells. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure decrease survival of macrophages, microglial cells, M1 microglial cells, activated M1 microglial cells, M2 microglial cells, dendritic cells, M1 macrophages, activated M1 macrophages, M2 macrophages, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and/or Kupffer cells. In some embodiments, decreasing cell survival is determined by measuring cell survival of one or more innate immune cells in the presence of the antagonist anti-TREM2 antibody as compared to cell survival of corresponding one or more innate immune cells in the absence of the antagonist anti-TRME2 antibody. Any suitable methods of measuring cell survival or cell death known in the art and disclosed herein may be used (*see, e.g., Examples 30, 34, 35, 38, 52, 53, and 56*).

[0200] In some embodiments, an isolated anti-TREM2 antibody of the present disclosure competes for binding of TREM2 with one or more TREM2 ligands. In some embodiments, the antibody is a human antibody, a humanized antibody, a bispecific antibody, a multivalent

antibody, or a chimeric antibody. Exemplary descriptions of such antibodies are found throughout the present disclosure. In some embodiments, the antibody is a bispecific antibody recognizing a first antigen and a second antigen.

[0201] In certain embodiments the TREM2 protein is expressed on a cell surface. In some embodiment anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure modulate (e.g., induce or inhibit) one or more TREM2 activities. The TREM2 activities modulated (e.g., induced or inhibited) by the anti-TREM2 antibodies may include, without limitation, DAP12 phosphorylation; TREM2 phosphorylation; recruitment of Syk, ZAP70, or both to a DAP12/TREM2 complex; PI3K activation; increased expression of anti-inflammatory mediators (e.g. cytokines); reduced expression of pro-inflammatory mediators; ERK phosphorylation; increased expression of CCR7, induction of microglial cell chemotaxis toward CCL19 and CCL21 expressing cells; enhancement, normalization, or both of the ability of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells to induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation; induction of osteoclast production, increased rate of osteoclastogenesis, or both; increased survival and function of microglial cells and/or macrophages (such as M1 macrophages and/or microglial cells, activated M1 macrophages and/or microglial cells, and/or M2 macrophages and/or microglial cells), dendritic cells, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and/or Kupffer cells; induction of apoptotic neuron clearance; reduced expression of TNF- α ; SYK phosphorylation; increased expression of CD83 and/or CD86 on dendritic cells, monocytes, macrophages, and/or microglia; reduced secretion of one or more inflammatory cytokines (such as TNF- α , IL-10, IL-6, and/or MCP-1); reduced expression of one or more inflammatory receptors (such as CD86); increased phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglia under conditions of reduced levels of MCSF; reduced phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglia in the presence of normal levels of MCSF; and/or increased activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes (e.g., transcription factors of the nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) family of transcription factors). The anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure can be used to prevent, reduce risk of, or treat dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, mixed dementia, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, normal pressure hydrocephalus, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Taupathy disease,

Nasu-Hakola disease, stroke, acute trauma, chronic trauma, lupus, acute and chronic colitis, wound healing, Crohn's disease, inflammatory bowel disease, ulcerative colitis, obesity, Malaria, essential tremor, central nervous system lupus, Behcet's disease, Parkinson's disease, dementia with Lewy bodies, multiple system atrophy, Shy-Drager syndrome, progressive supranuclear palsy, cortical basal ganglionic degeneration, acute disseminated encephalomyelitis, granulomatous disorders, Sarcoidosis, diseases of aging, seizures, spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, age related macular degeneration, glaucoma, retinitis pigmentosa, retinal degeneration, respiratory tract infection, sepsis, eye infection, systemic infection, lupus, arthritis, multiple sclerosis, low bone density, osteoporosis, osteogenesis, osteopetrotic disease, Paget's disease of bone, and cancer. The anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure may also be used in advanced wound care. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure are monoclonal antibodies. Anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure may be tested for inducing one or more TREM2 activities (*e.g.*, TREM2 autophosphorylation; DAP12 phosphorylation; Syk phosphorylation; recruitment of Syk, ZAP70, or both to a DAP12/TREM2 complex; PI3K activation; increased expression of cytokines; reduced expression of pro-inflammatory mediators; ERK phosphorylation; increased expression of CCR7; induction of microglial cell chemotaxis toward CCL19 and CCL21 expressing cells; maturation of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells; enhancement or normalization of the ability of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells to induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation; increased ability of dendritic cells, monocytes, microglia, and/or macrophages to induce T-cell proliferation; induction of osteoclast production, increased rate of osteoclastogenesis, or both; increased survival and function of dendritic cells, macrophages, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, and/or microglia; induction of one or more types of clearance; induction of phagocytosis of one or more of apoptotic neurons, nerve tissue debris, non-nerve tissue debris, bacteria, other foreign bodies, disease-causing proteins, disease-causing peptides, disease-causing nucleic acid, or tumor cells; reduced secretion of one or more inflammatory cytokines; reduced expression of one or more inflammatory receptors; increased phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglial cells under conditions of reduced levels of MCSF; reduced phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglial cells in the

presence of normal levels of MCSF; normalization of disrupted TREM2/DAP12-dependent gene expression; and increased activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes) using any suitable method known in the art and/or described herein. For example, the anti-TREM2 antibodies can be assayed *in vitro* for tyrosine phosphorylation of, TREM2, DAP12, Syk and/or ERK, by assaying for recruitment of Syk and/or ZAP70 to DAP12, by assaying for PI3K activation, by assaying for induction of expression of cytokines (*e.g.*, IL-12p70, IL-6, and IL-10) or CCR7, or by assaying for reduced expression of pro-inflammatory mediators (*e.g.*, IL-1 β and TNF) with TLR stimulation (*e.g.*, LPS, CpG DNA, or Zymosan). Useful assays may include western blots (*e.g.*, for tyrosine-phosphorylated DAP12 or threonine/serine-phosphorylated PI3K-kinase substrates), ELISA (*e.g.*, for secreted interleukin or cytokine secretion), FACS (*e.g.*, for anti-TREM2 binding to TREM2), immunocytochemistry (*e.g.*, for *e.g.*, for tyrosine-phosphorylated DAP12 or threonine/serine-phosphorylated PI3K-kinase substrates), reporter-gene assays (*e.g.*, for TLR activation), increased survival and/or function of dendritic cells, macrophages, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, and/or microglia, increased phagocytosis of apoptotic neurons, damaged synapses, amyloid beta or fragments thereof, Tau, IAPP, alpha-synuclein, TDP-43, FUS protein, prion protein, PrPSc, huntingtin, calcitonin, superoxide dismutase, ataxin, Lewy body, atrial natriuretic factor, islet amyloid polypeptide, insulin, apolipoprotein AI, serum amyloid A, medin, prolactin, transthyretin, lysozyme, beta 2 microglobulin, gelsolin, keratoepithelin, cystatin, immunoglobulin light chain AL, S-IBM protein, Repeat-associated non-ATG (RAN) translation products, DiPeptide repeat (DPR) peptides, glycine-alanine (GA) repeat peptides, glycine-proline (GP) repeat peptides, glycine-arginine (GR) repeat peptides, proline-alanine (PA) repeat peptides, and proline-arginine (PR) repeat peptides, nerve tissue debris, non-nerve tissue debris, bacteria, other foreign bodies, disease-causing proteins, disease-causing peptides, disease-causing nucleic acid, or tumor cells by macrophages, dendritic cells, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, monocytes, osteoclasts, and/or microglial cells, increased cytoskeleton reorganization, and decreased microglial pro-inflammatory responses, or other assays known in the art.

[0202] In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure modulate (*i.e.*, increase or decrease) the expression and/or secretion of one or more inflammatory cytokines

(e.g., TNF- α , IL-10, IL-6, MCP-1, IFN- α 4, IFN- β , IL-1 β , IL-8, CRP, TGF- β members of the chemokine protein families, IL-20 family members, IL-33, LIF, IFN- γ , OSM, CNTF, TGF- β , GM-CSF, IL-11, IL-12, IL-17, and IL-18). In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure increase the expression and/or secretion of one or more inflammatory cytokines. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure decrease the expression and/or secretion of one or more inflammatory cytokines. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure modulate (i.e., increase or decrease) the expression and/or secretion of one or more inflammatory receptors (e.g., CD86). In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure increase the expression and/or secretion of one or more inflammatory receptors. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure decrease the expression and/or secretion of one or more inflammatory receptors.

[0203] In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to a human TREM2, or a homolog thereof, including without limitation a mammalian TREM2 protein, mouse TREM2 protein (Uniprot Accession No. Q99NH8), rat TREM2 protein (Uniprot Accession No. D3ZZ89), Rhesus monkey TREM2 protein (Uniprot Accession No. F6QVF2), bovine TREM2 protein (Uniprot Accession No. Q05B59), equine TREM2 protein (Uniprot Accession No. F7D6L0), pig TREM2 protein (Uniprot Accession No. H2EZZ3), and dog TREM2 protein (Uniprot Accession No. E2RP46). In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure specifically bind to human TREM2. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure specifically bind to mouse TREM2. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure specifically bind to both human TREM2 and mouse TREM2. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure modulate (e.g., induce or inhibit) at least one TREM2 activity. In some embodiments, the at least one TREM2 activity is DAP12 phosphorylation, TREM2 phosphorylation, PI3K activation, increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory mediators (e.g., cytokines), reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators, increased survival and/or function of microglial cells, dendritic cells, macrophages, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and/or Kupffer cells, reduced expression of TNF- α , SYK phosphorylation, increased expression of CD83 and/or CD86 on dendritic cells, macrophages, monocytes, and/or

macrophages, reduced secretion of one or more inflammatory cytokines, reduced expression of one or more inflammatory receptors, increased phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglia under conditions of reduced levels of MCSF, reduced phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglia in the presence of normal levels of MCSF, and/or increased activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes (e.g., transcription factors of the nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) family of transcription factors).

[0204] In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to a TREM2 protein of the present disclosure and/or naturally occurring variants. In certain preferred embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibodies bind to human TREM2.

[0205] In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure are agonist antibodies, or antagonist antibodies that bind to a TREM2 protein of the present disclosure expressed on the surface of a cell and modulate (e.g., induce or inhibit) at least one TREM2 activity of the present disclosure after binding to the surface-expressed TREM2 protein. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure are inert antibodies.

[0206] In certain embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 29-112 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 29-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 29-41 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 29-41 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 47-69 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 47-69 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 76-86 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 76-86 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 91-100 of human TREM

2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 91-100 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 99-115 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 99-115 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 104-112 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 104-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 114-118 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 114-118 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 130-171 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 130-171 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 139-153 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 139-153 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 139-146 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 139-146 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 130-144 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 130-144 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 158-171 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 158-171 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

[0207] In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 43-50 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or

within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 49-57 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 49-57 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 139-146 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 139-146 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 140-153 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 140-153 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

[0208] TREM2 proteins of the present disclosure include a complementary determining region 1 (CDR1) located at amino acid residues corresponding to amino acid residues 40-44 of human TREM2 (SEQ ID NO: 1); a complementary determining region 2 (CDR2) located at amino acid residues corresponding to amino acid residues 67-76 of human TREM2 (SEQ ID NO: 1); and a complementary determining region 3 (CDR3) located at amino acid residues corresponding to amino acid residues 114-118 of human TREM2 (SEQ ID NO: 1). Accordingly, in some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 40-44 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 40-44 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 67-76 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 67-76 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 114-118 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 114-118 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

[0209] In other embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to an epitope that includes amino acid residue Arg47 or Asp87 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1). In

some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to an epitope that includes amino acid residues 40-44 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1). In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to an epitope that includes amino acid residues 67-76 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1). In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to an epitope that includes amino acid residues 114-118 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1).

[0210] In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure competitively inhibit binding of at least one antibody selected from any of the antibodies listed in Table 1 and/or Table 8. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure competitively inhibit binding of at least one antibody selected from Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab21, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab52, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure competitively inhibit binding of at least one of the following anti-TREM2 antibodies: Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to an epitope of human TREM2 that is the same as or overlaps with the TREM2 epitope bound by at least one antibody selected from any of the antibodies listed in Table 1 and/or Table 8. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to an epitope of human TREM2 that is the same as or overlaps with the TREM2 epitope bound by at least one antibody selected from Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab21, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab52, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86,

and Ab87. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to an epitope of human TREM2 that is the same as or overlaps with the TREM2 epitope bound by at least one of the following anti-TREM2 antibodies: Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind essentially the same TREM2 epitope bound by at least one antibody selected from any of the antibodies listed in Table 1 and/or Table 8. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind essentially the same TREM2 epitope bound by at least one antibody selected from Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab21, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab52, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind essentially the same TREM2 epitope bound by at least one of the following anti-TREM2 antibodies: Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65. Detailed exemplary methods for mapping an epitope to which an antibody binds are provided in Morris (1996) "Epitope Mapping Protocols," in *Methods in Molecular Biology* vol. 66 (Humana Press, Totowa, NJ).

[0211] In an exemplary competition assay, immobilized TREM2 or cells expressing TREM2 on the cell surface are incubated in a solution comprising a first labeled antibody that binds to TREM2 (e.g., human or non-human primate) and a second unlabeled antibody that is being tested for its ability to compete with the first antibody for binding to TREM2. The second antibody may be present in a hybridoma supernatant. As a control, immobilized TREM2 or cells expressing TREM2 is incubated in a solution comprising the first labeled antibody but not the second unlabeled antibody. After incubation under conditions permissive for binding of the first antibody to TREM2, excess unbound antibody is removed, and the amount of label associated with immobilized TREM2 or cells expressing TREM2 is measured. If the amount of label associated with immobilized TREM2 or cells expressing TREM2 is substantially reduced in the test sample relative to the control sample, then that indicates that the second antibody is

competing with the first antibody for binding to TREM2. *See*, Harlow and Lane (1988) *Antibodies: A Laboratory Manual* ch.14 (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY).

[0212] In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure comprise (a) a heavy chain variable region comprising at least one, two, or three HVRs selected from HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and HVR-H3 of any one of the antibodies listed in Table 1 and/or Table 8 or selected from Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab21, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab52, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87; and/or (b) a light chain variable region comprising at least one, two, or three HVRs selected from HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and HVR-L3 of any one of the antibodies listed in Table 1 and/or Table 8 or selected from Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab21, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab52, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87. In some embodiments, the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, HVR-H3, HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and HVR-L3 comprise Kabat CDR, Chothia CDR, or Contact CDR sequences as shown in Table 1 and/or Table 8 or from an antibody selected from Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab21, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab52, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73,

Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87.

[0213] In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure comprise at least one, two, three, four, five, or six HVRs selected from (i) HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of any of the HVR-H1 sequences listed in Table 1 and/or Table 8 or from an antibody selected from Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab21, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab52, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87; (ii) HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of any of the HVR-H2 sequences listed in Table 1 and/or Table 8 or from an antibody selected from Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab21, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab52, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87; (iii) HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of any of the HVR-H3 sequences listed in Table 1 and/or Table 8 or from an antibody selected from Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab21, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab52, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87; (iv) HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of any of the HVR-L1 sequences listed in Table 1 and/or Table 8 or from an antibody selected from Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9,

Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab21, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab52, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87; (v) HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of any of the HVR-L2 sequences listed in Table 1 and/or Table 8 or from an antibody selected from Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab21, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab52, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87; and (vi) HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of any of the HVR-L3 sequences listed in Table 1 and/or Table 8 or from an antibody selected from Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab21, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab52, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87.

[0214] In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure comprise a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises one or more of: (a) an HVR-H1 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:3-24, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:3-24; (b) an HVR-H2 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:25-49, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to an amino

acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 25-49; and (c) an HVR-H3 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:50-119, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 50-119; and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises one or more of: (a) an HVR-L1 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:120-137, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:120-137; (b) an HVR-L2 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:138-152, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 138-152; and (c) an HVR-L3 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:153-236 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 138-152.

[0215] In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure comprise a heavy chain variable region of any one of the antibodies listed in Table 1 and/or Table 8 or selected from Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab21, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab52, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87; and/or a light chain variable region of any one of the antibodies listed in Table 1 and/or Table 8 or selected from Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab21, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab52, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87.

[0216] Any of the antibodies of the present disclosure may be produced by a cell line. In some embodiments, the cell line may be a yeast cell line. In other embodiments, the cell line may be a mammalian cell line. In certain embodiments, the cell line may be a hybridoma cell line. Any cell line known in the art suitable for antibody production may be used to produce an antibody of the present disclosure. Exemplary cell lines for antibody production are described throughout the present disclosure.

[0217] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an anti-TREM2 monoclonal antibody selected from Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab21, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab52, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87. In certain embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an agonist antibody. In other embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an antagonist antibody.

[0218] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is anti-TREM2 monoclonal antibody Ab1. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody which binds essentially the same TREM2 epitope as Ab1. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and HVR-H3 of the heavy chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab1. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and HVR-L3 of the light chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab1. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and HVR-H3 of the heavy chain variable domains and the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and HVR-L3 of the light chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab1. In certain embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an agonist antibody. In other embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an antagonist antibody. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure comprise at least one, two, three, four, five, or six HVRs selected from (i) HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid

sequence of SEQ ID NO:3; (ii) HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 25, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:25; (iii) HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:50, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:50; (iv) HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:120 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:120; (v) HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:138 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:138; and (vi) HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:153, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:153.

[0219] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is anti-TREM2 monoclonal antibody Ab9. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody which binds essentially the same TREM2 epitope as Ab9. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and HVR-H3 of the heavy chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab9. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and HVR-L3 of the light chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab9. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and HVR-H3 of the heavy chain variable domains and the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and HVR-L3 of the light chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab9. In certain embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an agonist antibody. In other embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an antagonist antibody. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure comprise at least one, two, three, four, five, or six HVRs selected from (i) HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:9, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:9; (ii) HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 33, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:33; (iii) HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:58, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:58; (iv) HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:124 or an amino acid

sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:124; (v) HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:144 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:144; and (vi) HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:161, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:161.

[0220] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is anti-TREM2 monoclonal antibody Ab14. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody which binds essentially the same TREM2 epitope as Ab14. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and HVR-H3 of the heavy chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab14. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and HVR-L3 of the light chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab14. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and HVR-H3 of the heavy chain variable domains and the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and HVR-L3 of the light chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab14. In certain embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an agonist antibody. In other embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an antagonist antibody. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure comprise at least one, two, three, four, five, or six HVRs selected from (i) HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:13, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:13; (ii) HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:36, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:36; (iii) HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:63, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:63; (iv) HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:122 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:122; (v) HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:146 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:146; and (vi) HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:166, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:166.

[0221] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is anti-TREM2 monoclonal antibody Ab22. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody which binds essentially the same TREM2 epitope as Ab22. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and HVR-H3 of the heavy chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab22. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and HVR-L3 of the light chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab22. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and HVR-H3 of the heavy chain variable domains and the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and HVR-L3 of the light chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab22. In certain embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an agonist antibody. In other embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an antagonist antibody. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure comprise at least one, two, three, four, five, or six HVRs selected from (i) HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:11, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:11; (ii) HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:34, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:34; (iii) HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:60, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:60; (iv) HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:123 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:123; (v) HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:141 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:141; and (vi) HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:173, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:173.

[0222] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is anti-TREM2 monoclonal antibody Ab45. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody which binds essentially the same TREM2 epitope as Ab45. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and HVR-H3 of the heavy chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab45. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2

antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and HVR-L3 of the light chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab45. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and HVR-H3 of the heavy chain variable domains and the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and HVR-L3 of the light chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab45. In certain embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an agonist antibody. In other embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an antagonist antibody. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure comprise at least one, two, three, four, five, or six HVRs selected from (i) HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:7, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:7; (ii) HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:29, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:29; (iii) HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:87, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:87; (iv) HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:120 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:120; (v) HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:138 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:138; and (vi) HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:196, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:196.

[0223] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is anti-TREM2 monoclonal antibody Ab65. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody which binds essentially the same TREM2 epitope as Ab65. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and HVR-H3 of the heavy chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab65. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and HVR-L3 of the light chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab65. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and HVR-H3 of the heavy chain variable domains and the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and HVR-L3 of the light chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab65. In certain embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an

agonist antibody. In other embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an antagonist antibody. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure comprise at least one, two, three, four, five, or six HVRs selected from (i) HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:9, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:9; (ii) HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 34, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:34; (iii) HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:101, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:101; (iv) HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:124 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:124; (v) HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:144 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:144; and (vi) HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:215, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:215.

[0224] In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 43-50 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 49-57 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or within amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 49-57 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to an epitope that includes one or more amino acid residues within amino acid residues 43-50 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1). In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to an epitope that includes one or more amino acid residues within amino acid residues 49-57 of human TREM 2 (SEQ ID NO: 1). In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure competitively inhibit binding of at least one of the following anti-TREM2 antibodies: Ab21 and Ab52. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to an epitope of human TREM2 that is the same as or overlaps with the TREM2 epitope bound by at least one of the following anti-TREM2 antibodies: Ab21 and Ab52.

In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure comprise (a) a heavy chain variable region comprising at least one, two, or three HVRs selected from HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and HVR-H3 of any one of antibodies Ab21 and Ab52; and/or (b) a light chain variable region comprising at least one, two, or three HVRs selected from HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and HVR-L3 of any one of antibodies Ab21 and Ab52. In some embodiments, the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, HVR-H3, HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and HVR-L3 comprise Kabat CDR, Chothia CDR, or Contact CDR sequences as shown in Table 1 and/or Table 8. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure comprise a heavy chain variable region of any one of antibodies Ab21 and Ab52; and/or a light chain variable region of any one of antibodies Ab21 and Ab52. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is anti-TREM2 monoclonal antibody Ab52 or Ab21. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody which binds essentially the same TREM2 epitope as Ab52 or Ab21. In certain embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an agonist antibody. In other embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an antagonist antibody.

[0225] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and HVR-H3 of the heavy chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab52 or Ab21. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and HVR-L3 of the light chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab52 or Ab21. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an isolated antibody comprising the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and HVR-H3 of the heavy chain variable domains and the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and HVR-L3 of the light chain variable domains of monoclonal antibody Ab52 or Ab21. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure comprise at least one, two, three, four, five, or six HVRs selected from (i) HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:398, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:398; (ii) HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 399, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:399; (iii) HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:400, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:400; (iv) HVR-L1 comprising the amino

acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:401 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:401; (v) HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:402 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:402; and (vi) HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:403, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:403. In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure comprise at least one, two, three, four, five, or six HVRs selected from (i) HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:404, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:404; (ii) HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 405, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:405; (iii) HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:406, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:406; (iv) HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:407, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:407; (v) HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:408, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:408; and (vi) HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:409, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:409.

[0226] In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure comprise a heavy chain variable region, and the heavy chain variable region comprises at least one, at least two, or three HVR sequences selected from those listed in Table 1 and/or Table 8; and/or comprise a light chain variable region, and the light chain variable region comprises at least one, at least two, or three HVR sequences selected from those listed in Table 1 and/or Table 8.

[0227] In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure compete for binding of TREM2 with one or more TREM2 ligands. Examples of suitable TREM2 ligands include, without limitation, TREM2 ligands expressed by *E. coli* cells, apoptotic cells, nucleic acids, anionic lipids, zwitterionic lipids, negatively charged phospholipids, phosphatidylserine, sulfatides, phosphatidylcholin, sphingomyelin, membrane phospholipids, lipidated proteins,

proteolipids, lipidated peptides, and lipidated amyloid beta peptide. Accordingly, in certain embodiments, the one or more TREM2 ligands comprise *E. coli* cells, apoptotic cells, nucleic acids, anionic lipids, zwitterionic lipids, negatively charged phospholipids, phosphatidylserine, sulfatides, phosphatidylcholin, sphingomyelin, membrane phospholipids, lipidated proteins, proteolipids, lipidated peptides, and/or lipidated amyloid beta peptide. In certain embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an agonist antibody. In other embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an antagonist antibody.

[0228] The dissociation constants (K_D) of anti-TREM2 antibodies for human TREM2 (*e.g.*, human TREM2-Fc fusion proteins and human monomeric TREM2 proteins) and mouse TREM2 (*e.g.*, mouse TREM2-Fc fusion proteins) may be less than 10 nM, less than 9.5 nM, less than 9 nM, less than 8.5 nM, less than 8 nM, less than 7.5 nM, less than 7 nM, less than 6.9 nM, less than 6.8 nM, less than 6.7 nM, less than 6.6 nM, less than 6.5 nM, less than 6.4 nM, less than 6.3 nM, less than 6.2 nM, less than 6.1 nM, less than 6 nM, less than 5.9 nM, less than 5.8 nM, less than 5.75 nM, less than 5.7 nM, less than 5.6 nM, less than 5.5 nM, less than 5.4 nM, less than 5.3 nM, less than 5.2 nM, less than 5.1 nM, less than 5 nM, less than 4.5 nM, less than 4 nM, less than 3.5 nM, less than 3 nM, less than 2.5 nM, less than 2 nM, less than 1.5 nM, less than 1 nM, less than 0.95 nM, less than 0.9 nM, less than 0.85 nM, less than 0.8 nM, less than 0.75 nM, less than 0.7 nM, less than 0.65 nM, less than 0.6 nM, less than 0.55 nM, less than 0.5 nM, less than 0.45 nM, less than 0.4 nM, less than 0.35 nM, less than 0.3 nM, less than 0.29 nM, less than 0.28 nM, less than 0.27 nM, less than 0.26 nM, less than 0.25 nM, less than 0.24 nM, less than 0.23 nM, less than 0.22 nM, less than 0.21 nM, less than 0.2 nM, less than 0.15 nM, less than 0.1 nM, less than 0.095 nM, less than 0.09 nM, less than 0.085 nM, less than 0.08 nM, less than 0.075 nM, less than 0.07 nM, less than 0.065 nM, less than 0.06 nM, less than 0.055 nM, or less than 0.05 nM. In some embodiments, dissociation constants range from less than about 5.75 nM to less than about 0.09 nM. In some embodiments, dissociation constants of anti-TREM2 antibodies for human TREM2-Fc fusion proteins range from less than about 1.51 nM to less than about 0.35 nM. In some embodiments, dissociation constants of anti-TREM2 antibodies for human monomeric TREM2 proteins range from less than about 5.75 nM to less than about 1.15 nM. In some embodiments, dissociation constants of anti-TREM2 antibodies for

mouse TREM2-Fc fusion proteins range from less than about 0.23 nM to less than about 0.09 nM. In some embodiments, dissociation constants range from less than about 6.70 nM to less than about 0.23 nM. In some embodiments, dissociation constants of anti-TREM2 antibodies for human TREM2-Fc fusion proteins range from less than about 0.71 nM to less than about 0.23 nM. In some embodiments, dissociation constants of anti-TREM2 antibodies for human monomeric TREM2 proteins range from less than about 6.70 nM to less than about 0.66 nM. In some embodiments, dissociation constants of anti-TREM2 antibodies for mouse TREM2-Fc fusion proteins range from less than about 4.90 nM to less than about 0.35 nM. Dissociation constants may be determined through any analytical technique, including any biochemical or biophysical technique such as ELISA, surface plasmon resonance (SPR), bio-layer interferometry (*see, e.g.*, Octet System by ForteBio), isothermal titration calorimetry (ITC), differential scanning calorimetry (DSC), circular dichroism (CD), stopped-flow analysis, and colorimetric or fluorescent protein melting analyses. In certain embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an agonist antibody. In other embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibody is an antagonist antibody.

[0229] Additional anti-TREM2 antibodies, *e.g.*, antibodies that specifically bind to a TREM2 protein of the present disclosure, may be identified, screened, and/or characterized for their physical/chemical properties and/or biological activities by various assays known in the art.

Anti-DAP12 antibodies

[0230] Certain aspects of the present disclosure related to anti-DAP12 antibodies.

[0231] Anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure generally bind to one or more DAP12 proteins expressed in a cell. In certain embodiments the DAP12 protein is expressed on a cell surface.

[0232] In some embodiments, anti- DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure are agonist antibodies or antagonist antibodies that bind to a DAP12 protein of the present disclosure expressed on the surface of a cell and modulate (*e.g.*, induce or inhibit) at least one DAP12 activity of the present disclosure after binding to the surface-expressed DAP12 protein. In some embodiments, anti- DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure are inert antibodies.

[0233] In certain embodiments the DAP12 protein is expressed on a cell surface. In some embodiment anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure modulate (e.g., induce or inhibit) one or more DAP12 activities. The DAP12 activities modulated (e.g., induced or inhibited) by the anti-DAP12 antibodies may include, without limitation, binding to TREM2; DAP12 phosphorylation; TREM2 phosphorylation; recruitment of Syk, ZAP70, or both to a DAP12/TREM2 complex; PI3K activation; increased expression of anti-inflammatory mediators (e.g. cytokines); reduced expression of pro-inflammatory mediators; ERK phosphorylation; increased expression of CCR7, induction of microglial cell chemotaxis toward CCL19 and CCL21 expressing cells; enhancement, normalization, or both of the ability of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells to induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation; induction of osteoclast production, increased rate of osteoclastogenesis, or both; increased survival and function of microglial cells and/or macrophages (such as M1 macrophages and/or microglial cells, activated M1 macrophages and/or microglial cells, and/or M2 macrophages and/or microglial cells), dendritic cells, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and/or Kupffer cells; induction of apoptotic neuron clearance; reduced expression of TNF- α ; SYK phosphorylation; increased expression of CD83 and/or CD86 on dendritic cells, monocytes, macrophages, and/or microglia; reduced secretion of one or more inflammatory cytokines (such as TNF- α , IL-10, IL-6, and/or MCP-1); reduced expression of one or more inflammatory receptors (such as CD86); increased phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglia under conditions of reduced levels of MCSF; reduced phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglia in the presence of normal levels of MCSF; and/or increased activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes (e.g., transcription factors of the nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) family of transcription factors). The anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure can be used to prevent, reduce risk of, or treat dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, and multiple sclerosis. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure are monoclonal antibodies. Anti-TREM2 antibodies of the present disclosure may be tested for inducing one or more TREM2 activities (e.g., DAP12 phosphorylation; recruitment of Syk, ZAP70, or both to DAP12; PI3K activation; increased expression of anti-inflammatory mediators; reduced expression of pro-inflammatory

mediators; ERK phosphorylation; increased expression of CCR7, induction of microglial cell chemotaxis toward CCL19 and CCL21 expressing cells; enhancement, normalization, or both of the ability of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells to induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation; induction of osteoclast production, increased rate of osteoclastogenesis, or both; induction of apoptotic neuron clearance; reduced expression of TNF- α ; SYK phosphorylation; increased expression of CD83 and/or CD86 on dendritic cells; reduced secretion of one or more inflammatory cytokines; reduced expression of one or more inflammatory receptors; increased survival and/or function of dendritic cells, macrophages and/or microglial cells; increased phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, and/or microglia under conditions of reduced levels of MCSF; reduced phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, and/or microglia in the presence of normal levels of MCSF, and increased activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes (e.g., transcription factors of the nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) family of transcription factors) using any suitable method known in the art and/or described herein;. For example, the anti-TREM2 antibodies can be assayed *in vitro* for tyrosine phosphorylation of TREM2, DAP12 and/or ERK, by assaying for recruitment of Syk and/or ZAP70 to a Dap12/TREM2 complex, by assaying for PI3K activation, by assaying for induction of expression of anti-inflammatory mediators (e.g., IL-12p70, IL-6, and IL-10) or CCR7, or by assaying for reduced expression of pro-inflammatory mediators (e.g., IL-1 β and TNF) with TLR stimulation (e.g., LPS, CpG DNA, or Zymosan). Useful assays may include western blots (e.g., for tyrosine-phosphorylated DAP12 or threonine/serine-phosphorylated PI3K-kinase substrates), ELISA (e.g., for secreted interleukin or cytokine secretion), FACS (e.g., for anti-TREM2 binding to TREM2), immunocytochemistry (e.g., for e.g., for tyrosine-phosphorylated DAP12 or threonine/serine-phosphorylated PI3K-kinase substrates), reporter-gene assays (e.g., for TLR activation), increased survival and/or function of microglial cells, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or macrophages, increased phagocytosis of apoptotic neurons, damaged synapses, A beta, and/or other cellular debris by macrophages, dendritic cells, osteoclasts, and/or microglial cells, increased cytoskeleton reorganization, and decreased microglial pro-inflammatory responses, or other assays known in the art.

[0234] Certain aspects of the present disclosure provide anti-DAP12 antibodies that bind to a human DAP12, or a homolog thereof, including without limitation a mammalian DAP12 protein, mouse DAP12 protein (Uniprot Accession No. Q99NH8), rat DAP12 protein (Uniprot Accession No. D3ZZ89), Rhesus monkey DAP12 protein (Uniprot Accession No. F6QVF2), bovine DAP12 protein (Uniprot Accession No. Q05B59), equine DAP12 protein (Uniprot Accession No. F7D6L0), pig DAP12 protein (Uniprot Accession No. H2EZZ3), and dog DAP12 protein (Uniprot Accession No. E2RP46); and induce at least one DAP12 activity. In some embodiments, the at least one DAP12 activity is DAP12 phosphorylation, TREM2 phosphorylation, PI3K activation, increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory mediators, and/or reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators.

[0235] In some embodiments, anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to a DAP12 protein of the present disclosure and/or naturally occurring variants. In certain preferred embodiments, the anti-DAP12 antibodies bind to human DAP12.

[0236] In some embodiments, anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to a DAP12 protein of the present disclosure expressed on the surface of a cell and induce at least one DAP12 activity of the present disclosure after binding to the surface expressed DAP12 protein.

[0237] In certain embodiments, anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 22-40 of human DAP12 (SEQ ID NO: 2), or within amino acid residues on a DAP12 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 22-40 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

[0238] The dissociation constants (K_D) of anti-DAP12 antibodies for human DAP12 and mouse DAP12 may be less than 10 nM, less than 9.5 nM, less than 9 nM, less than 8.5 nM, less than 8 nM, less than 7.5 nM, less than 7 nM, less than 6.5 nM, less than 6 nM, less than 5.9 nM, less than 5.8 nM, less than 5.75 nM, less than 5.7 nM, less than 5.6 nM, less than 5.5 nM, less than 5.4 nM, less than 5.3 nM, less than 5.2 nM, less than 5.1 nM, less than 5 nM, less than 4.5 nM, less than 4 nM, less than 3.5 nM, less than 3 nM, less than 2.5 nM, less than 2 nM, less than 1.5 nM, less than 1 nM, less than 0.95 nM, less than 0.9 nM, less than 0.85 nM, less than 0.8 nM, less than 0.75 nM, less than 0.7 nM, less than 0.65 nM, less than 0.6 nM, less than 0.55 nM, less

than 0.5 nM, less than 0.45 nM, less than 0.4 nM, less than 0.35 nM, less than 0.3 nM, less than 0.25 nM, less than 0.2 nM, less than 0.15 nM, less than 0.1 nM, less than 0.095 nM, less than 0.09 nM, less than 0.085 nM, less than 0.08 nM, less than 0.075 nM, less than 0.07 nM, less than 0.065 nM, less than 0.06 nM, less than 0.055 nM, or less than 0.05 nM. Dissociation constants may be determined through any analytical technique, including any biochemical or biophysical technique such as ELISA, surface plasmon resonance (SPR), bio-layer interferometry (*see, e.g.*, Octet System by ForteBio), isothermal titration calorimetry (ITC), differential scanning calorimetry (DSC), circular dichroism (CD), stopped-flow analysis, and colorimetric or fluorescent protein melting analyses.

[0239] Additional anti-DAP12 antibodies, *e.g.*, antibodies that specifically bind to a DAP12 protein of the present disclosure, may be identified, screened, and/or characterized for their physical/chemical properties and/or biological activities by various assays known in the art.

Bispecific antibodies

[0240] Certain aspects of the present disclosure relate to bispecific antibodies that bind to both TREM2 and DAP12 proteins of the present disclosure. Methods of generating bispecific antibodies are well known in the art and described herein. In some embodiments, bispecific antibodies of the present disclosure bind to one or more amino acid residues of human TREM2 (SEQ ID NO: 1), or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO: 1. In other embodiments, bispecific antibodies of the present disclosure also bind to one or more amino acid residues of human DAP12 (SEQ ID NO: 2), or amino acid residues on a DAP12 protein corresponding to amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO: 2.

[0241] In some embodiments, bispecific antibodies of the present disclosure recognize a first antigen and a second antigen. In some embodiments, the first antigen is human TREM2 or a naturally occurring variant thereof, or human DAP12 or a naturally occurring variant thereof. In some embodiments, the second antigen is a disease-causing protein selected from amyloid beta or fragments thereof, Tau, IAPP, alpha-synuclein, TDP-43, FUS protein, prion protein, PrPSc, huntingtin, calcitonin, superoxide dismutase, ataxin, Lewy body, atrial natriuretic factor, islet amyloid polypeptide, insulin, apolipoprotein AI, serum amyloid A, medin, prolactin,

transthyretin, lysozyme, beta 2 microglobulin, gelsolin, keratoepithelin, cystatin, immunoglobulin light chain AL, S-IBM protein, Repeat-associated non-ATG (RAN) translation products, DiPeptide repeat (DPR) peptides, glycine-alanine (GA) repeat peptides, glycine-proline (GP) repeat peptides, glycine-arginine (GR) repeat peptides, proline-alanine (PA) repeat peptides, and proline-arginine (PR) repeat peptides. In some embodiments, the second antigen is a blood brain barrier targeting protein selected from transferrin receptor, insulin receptor, insulin like growth factor receptor, LRP-1, and LRP1; or ligands and/or proteins expressed on immune cells, wherein the ligands and/or proteins selected from the group consisting of: CD40, OX40, ICOS, CD28, CD137/4-1BB, CD27, GITR, PD-L1, CTLA4, PD-L2, PD-1, B7-H3, B7-H4, HVEM, BTLA, KIR, GAL9, TIM3, A2AR, LAG, and phosphatidylserine. Alternatively, the second antigen may be, without limitation, a protein expressed on one or more tumor cells.

Antibody fragments

[0242] Certain aspects of the present disclosure relate to antibody fragments that bind to one or more human proteins selected from human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, a disease variant of human TREM2, human DAP12, and naturally occurring variant of human DAP12. In some embodiments, the antibody fragment is an Fab, Fab', Fab'-SH, F(ab')₂, Fv or scFv fragment. In some embodiments, the antibody fragment is used in combination with one or more antibodies that specifically bind a disease-causing protein selected from: amyloid beta or fragments thereof, Tau, IAPP, alpha-synuclein, TDP-43, FUS protein, prion protein, PrPSc, huntingtin, calcitonin, superoxide dismutase, ataxin, Lewy body, atrial natriuretic factor, islet amyloid polypeptide, insulin, apolipoprotein AI, serum amyloid A, medin, prolactin, transthyretin, lysozyme, beta 2 microglobulin, gelsolin, keratoepithelin, cystatin, immunoglobulin light chain AL, S-IBM protein, Repeat-associated non-ATG (RAN) translation products, DiPeptide repeat (DPR) peptides, glycine-alanine (GA) repeat peptides, glycine-proline (GP) repeat peptides, glycine-arginine (GR) repeat peptides, proline-alanine (PA) repeat peptides, proline-arginine (PR) repeat peptides, and any combination thereof, and/or one or more antibodies that specifically bind a cancer-associated protein selected from: CD40, OX40, ICOS, CD28, CD137/4-1BB, CD27, GITR, PD-L1, CTLA4, PD-L2, PD-1, B7-H3, B7-H4, HVEM, BTLA, KIR, GAL9, TIM3, A2AR, LAG, phosphatidylserine, and any combination thereof.

Antibody frameworks

[0243] Any of the antibodies described herein further include a framework. In some embodiments, the framework is a human immunoglobulin framework. For example, in some embodiments, an antibody (*e.g.*, an anti-TREM2 antibody) comprises HVRs as in any of the above embodiments and further comprises an acceptor human framework, *e.g.*, a human immunoglobulin framework or a human consensus framework. Human immunoglobulin frameworks may be part of the human antibody, or a non-human antibody may be humanized by replacing one or more endogenous frameworks with human framework region(s). Human framework regions that may be used for humanization include but are not limited to: framework regions selected using the "best-fit" method (see, *e.g.*, Sims et al. *J. Immunol.* 151:2296 (1993)); framework regions derived from the consensus sequence of human antibodies of a particular subgroup of light or heavy chain variable regions (see, *e.g.*, Carter et al. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 89:4285 (1992); and Presta et al. *J. Immunol.*, 151:2623 (1993)); human mature (somatically mutated) framework regions or human germline framework regions (see, *e.g.*, Almagro and Fransson, *Front. Biosci.* 13:1619-1633 (2008)); and framework regions derived from screening FR libraries (see, *e.g.*, Baca et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 272:10678-10684 (1997) and Rosok et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 271:22611-22618 (1996)).

[0244] In some embodiments, an antibody comprises a heavy chain variable region comprising an HVR-H1, an HVR-H2, and an HVR-H3 of the present disclosure and one, two, three or four of the heavy chain framework regions as shown in **FIG. 2B and/or FIG. 20A**. In some embodiments, an antibody comprises a light chain variable region comprising an HVR-L1, an HVR-L2, and an HVR-L3 of the present disclosure and one, two, three or four of the light chain framework regions as shown in **FIG. 2C and/or FIG. 20B**. In some embodiments, an antibody comprises a heavy chain variable region comprising an HVR-H1, an HVR-H2, and an HVR-H3 of the present disclosure and one, two, three or four of the heavy chain framework regions as shown in **FIG. 2B and/or FIG. 20A** and further comprises a light chain variable region comprising an HVR-L1, an HVR-L2, and an HVR-L3 of the present disclosure and one, two, three or four of the light chain framework regions as shown in **FIG. 2C and/or FIG. 20B**.

TREM2 and/or DAP12 binding and phosphorylation

[0245] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may induce binding of TREM2 to DAP12 and/or DAP12 binding to TREM2. In other embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may induce TREM2 phosphorylation after binding to a TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein expressed in a cell. In other embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may induce DAP12 phosphorylation after binding to a TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein expressed in a cell. In other embodiments, TREM2-mediated TREM2 and/or DAP12 phosphorylation is induced by one or more SRC family tyrosine kinases. Examples of Src family tyrosine kinases include, without limitation, Src, Yes, Fyn, Fgr, Lck, Hck, Blk, Lyn, and Frk.

[0246] DAP12 is variously referred to as TYRO protein tyrosine kinase-binding protein, TYROBP, KARAP, and PLOSL. DAP12 is a transmembrane signaling protein that contains an immunoreceptor tyrosine-based activation motif (ITAM) in its cytoplasmic domain. In certain embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody may induce DAP12 phosphorylation in its ITAM motif. Any method known in the art for determining protein phosphorylation, such as DAP12 phosphorylation, may be used.

[0247] In some embodiments, DAP12 is phosphorylated by SRC family kinases, resulting in the recruitment and activation of the Syk kinase, ZAP70 kinase, or both, to DAP12. Thus, in certain embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may recruit Syk, ZAP70, or both to a DAP12/TREM2 complex.

[0248] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure are useful for preventing, lowering the risk of, or treating conditions and/or diseases associated with decreased levels of DAP12 activity, DAP12 phosphorylation, or recruitment of Syk, ZAP70, or both to a DAP12/TREM2 complex, including dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, Parkinson's disease, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Taupathy disease, and/or multiple sclerosis.

PI3K activation

[0249] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may induce PI3K activation after binding to a TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein expressed in a cell.

[0250] PI3Ks are a family of related intracellular signal transducer kinases capable of phosphorylating the 3-position hydroxyl group of the inositol ring of phosphatidylinositol (PtdIns). The PI3K family is divided into three different classes (Class I, Class II, and Class III) based on primary structure, regulation, and *in vitro* lipid substrate specificity.

[0251] Activated PI3K produces various 3-phosphorylated phosphoinositides, including without limitation, PtdIns3P, PtdIns(3,4)P₂, PtdIns(3,5)P₂, and PtdIns(3,4,5)P₃. These 3-phosphorylated phosphoinositides function in a mechanism by which signaling proteins are recruited to various cellular membranes. These signaling proteins contain phosphoinositide-binding domains, including without limitation, PX domains, pleckstrin homology domains (PH domains), and FYVE domains. Any method known in the art for determining PI3K activation may be used.

[0252] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure are beneficial for preventing, lowering the risk of, or treating conditions and/or diseases associated with decreased levels of PI3K activity, including dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, Parkinson's disease, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Taupathy disease, and/or multiple sclerosis.

Increased expression of anti-inflammatory mediators

[0253] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure have an anti-inflammatory activity in the brain after binding to a TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein expressed on a cell surface. It has recently been reported that TREM2 has an anti-inflammatory role in the brain. In certain embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure increase the expression of anti-inflammatory mediators (e.g.,

cytokines) and/or reduce the expression of pro-inflammatory mediators after binding to a TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein expressed in a cell.

[0254] Inflammation is part of a complex biological response of vascular tissues to harmful stimuli, such as pathogens, damaged cells, and irritants. The classical signs of acute inflammation are pain, heat, redness, swelling, and loss of function. Inflammation is a protective attempt by an organism to remove the injurious stimuli and to initiate the healing process. Inflammation can be classified as either acute inflammation or chronic inflammation. Acute inflammation is the initial response of the body to harmful stimuli and is achieved by the increased movement of plasma and leukocytes (especially granulocytes) from the blood into the injured tissues. A cascade of biochemical events propagates and matures the inflammatory response, involving the local vascular system, the immune system, and various cells within the injured tissue. Chronic inflammation is prolonged inflammation that leads to a progressive shift in the type of cells present at the site of inflammation and is characterized by simultaneous destruction and healing of the tissue from the inflammatory process.

[0255] As used herein, anti-inflammatory mediators are proteins involved either directly or indirectly (*e.g.*, by way of an anti-inflammatory signaling pathway) in a mechanism that reduces, inhibits, or inactivates an inflammatory response. Any method known in the art for identifying and characterizing anti-inflammatory mediators may be used. Examples of anti-inflammatory mediators include, without limitation, cytokines, such as IL-12p70, IL-6, and IL-10.

[0256] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may increase expression of anti-inflammatory mediators, such as IL-12p70, IL-6, and IL-10. In certain embodiments, increased expression of the anti-inflammatory mediators occurs in macrophages, dendritic cells, and/or microglial cells. Increased expression may include, without limitation, an increase in gene expression, an increase in transcriptional expression, or an increase in protein expression. Any method known in the art for determining gene, transcript (*e.g.*, mRNA), and/or protein expression may be used. For example, Northern blot analysis may be used to determine anti-inflammatory mediator gene expression levels, RT-PCR may be used

to determine the level of anti-inflammatory mediator transcription, and Western blot analysis may be used to determine anti-inflammatory mediator protein levels.

[0257] As used herein, an anti-inflammatory mediator may have increased expression if its expression in one or more cells of a subject treated with an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure is greater than the expression of the same anti-inflammatory mediator expressed in one or more cells of a corresponding subject that is not treated with the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody. In some embodiments, an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure may increase anti-inflammatory mediator expression in one or more cells of a subject by at least 10%, at least 15%, at least 20%, at least 25%, at least 30%, at least 35%, at least 40%, at least 45%, at least 50%, at least 55%, at least 60%, at least 65%, at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, at least 100%, at least 110%, at least 115%, at least 120%, at least 125%, at least 130%, at least 135%, at least 140%, at least 145%, at least 150%, at least 160%, at least 170%, at least 180%, at least 190%, or at least 200% for example, as compared to anti-inflammatory mediator expression in one or more cells of a corresponding subject that is not treated with the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody. In other embodiments, an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure increases anti-inflammatory mediator expression in one or more cells of a subject by at least 1.5 fold, at least 1.6 fold, at least 1.7 fold, at least 1.8 fold, at least 1.9 fold, at least 2.0 fold, at least 2.1 fold, at least 2.15 fold, at least 2.2 fold, at least 2.25 fold, at least 2.3 fold, at least 2.35 fold, at least 2.4 fold, at least 2.45 fold, at least 2.5 fold, at least 2.55 fold, at least 3.0 fold, at least 3.5 fold, at least 4.0 fold, at least 4.5 fold, at least 5.0 fold, at least 5.5 fold, at least 6.0 fold, at least 6.5 fold, at least 7.0 fold, at least 7.5 fold, at least 8.0 fold, at least 8.5 fold, at least 9.0 fold, at least 9.5 fold, or at least 10 fold, for example, as compared to anti-inflammatory mediator expression in one or more cells of a corresponding subject that is not treated with the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody.

[0258] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that, in some embodiments, anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure are useful for preventing, lowering the risk of, or treating conditions and/or diseases associated with decreased levels of one or more anti-inflammatory mediators, including dementia, frontotemporal dementia,

Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, Parkinson's disease, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Taupathy disease, and/or multiple sclerosis.

Reduced expression of pro-inflammatory mediators

[0259] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may decrease the expression of pro-inflammatory mediators after binding to a TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein expressed in a cell.

[0260] As used herein, pro-inflammatory mediators are proteins involved either directly or indirectly (*e.g.*, by way of pro-inflammatory signaling pathways) in a mechanism that induces, activates, promotes, or otherwise increases an inflammatory response. Any method known in the art for identifying and characterizing pro-inflammatory mediators may be used. Examples of pro-inflammatory mediators include, without limitation, cytokines, such as IFN- α 4, IFN- β , IL-1 β , TNF- α , IL-10, IL-6, IL-12 p70, IL-8, CRP, TNF, TGF- β members of the chemokine protein families, IL-20 family members, IL-33, LIF, IFN- γ , OSM, CNTF, TGF- β , GM-CSF, IL-11, IL-12, IL-17, IL-18, and CRP.

[0261] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may decrease functional expression and/or secretion of pro-inflammatory mediators, such as IFN- α 4, IFN- β , IL-6, IL-12 p70, IL-1 β and TNF, TNF- α , IL-10, IL-8, CRP, TGF- β members of the chemokine protein families, IL-20 family members, IL-33, LIF, IFN- γ , OSM, CNTF, TGF- β , GM-CSF, IL-11, IL-12, IL-17, IL-18, and CRP. In certain embodiments, decreased expression of the pro-inflammatory mediators occurs in macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, and/or microglial cells. Decreased expression may include, without limitation, a decrease in gene expression, a decrease in transcriptional expression, or a decrease in protein expression. Any method known in the art for determining gene, transcript (*e.g.*, mRNA), and/or protein expression may be used. For example, Northern blot analysis may be used to determine pro-inflammatory mediator gene expression levels, RT-PCR may be used to determine the level of pro-inflammatory mediator transcription, and Western blot analysis may be used to determine pro-inflammatory mediator protein levels.

[0262] In certain embodiments, pro-inflammatory mediators include inflammatory cytokines. Accordingly, in certain embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may reduce secretion of one or more inflammatory cytokines. Examples of inflammatory cytokines whose secretion may be reduced by the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure include, without limitation, TNF- α , IL-10, IL-6, MCP-1, IFN- α 4, IFN- β , IL-1 β , IL-8, CRP, TGF- β members of the chemokine protein families, IL-20 family members, IL-33, LIF, IFN- γ , OSM, CNTF, TGF- β , GM-CSF, IL-11, IL-12, IL-17, and IL-18.

[0263] In certain embodiments, pro-inflammatory mediators include inflammatory receptors. Accordingly, in certain embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may reduce expression of one or more inflammatory receptors. Examples of inflammatory receptors whose expression may be reduced by the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure include, without limitation, CD86.

[0264] As used herein, a pro-inflammatory mediator may have decreased expression if its expression in one or more cells of a subject treated with an agonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure is less than the expression of the same pro-inflammatory mediator expressed in one or more cells of a corresponding subject that is not treated with the agonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody. In some embodiments, the agonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure may decrease pro-inflammatory mediator expression in one or more cells of a subject by at least 10%, at least 15%, at least 20%, at least 25%, at least 30%, at least 35%, at least 40%, at least 45%, at least 50%, at least 55%, at least 60%, at least 65%, at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, at least 100%, at least 110%, at least 115%, at least 120%, at least 125%, at least 130%, at least 135%, at least 140%, at least 145%, at least 150%, at least 160%, at least 170%, at least 180%, at least 190%, or at least 200% for example, as compared to pro-inflammatory mediator expression in one or more cells of a corresponding subject that is not treated with the agonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody. In other embodiments, the agonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody may decrease pro-inflammatory mediator expression in one or more cells of a subject by at least at least 1.5 fold, at least 1.6 fold, at least

1.7 fold, at least 1.8 fold, at least 1.9 fold, at least 2.0 fold, at least 2.1 fold, at least 2.15 fold, at least 2.2 fold, at least 2.25 fold, at least 2.3 fold, at least 2.35 fold, at least 2.4 fold, at least 2.45 fold, at least 2.5 fold, at least 2.55 fold, at least 3.0 fold, at least 3.5 fold, at least 4.0 fold, at least 4.5 fold, at least 5.0 fold, at least 5.5 fold, at least 6.0 fold, at least 6.5 fold, at least 7.0 fold, at least 7.5 fold, at least 8.0 fold, at least 8.5 fold, at least 9.0 fold, at least 9.5 fold, or at least 10 fold, for example, as compared to pro-inflammatory mediator expression in one or more cells of a corresponding subject that is not treated with the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody.

[0265] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that some anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may be useful for preventing, lowering the risk of, or treating conditions and/or diseases associated with increased levels of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators, including dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, Parkinson's disease, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Taupathy disease, and/or multiple sclerosis.

ERK phosphorylation

[0266] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may induce extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK) phosphorylation after binding to a TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein expressed in a cell.

[0267] Extracellular-signal-regulated kinases (ERKs) are widely expressed protein kinase intracellular signaling kinases that are involved in, for example, the regulation of meiosis, mitosis, and postmitotic functions in differentiated cells. Various stimuli, such as growth factors, cytokines, virus infection, ligands for heterotrimeric G protein-coupled receptors, transforming agents, and carcinogens, activate ERK pathways. Phosphorylation of ERKs leads to the activation of their kinase activity.

[0268] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure are beneficial for preventing, lowering the risk of, or treating conditions and/or diseases associated with decreased levels of ERK phosphorylation, including dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease,

Parkinson's disease, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Taupathy disease, and/or multiple sclerosis.

Increased expression of C-C chemokine receptor 7

[0269] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may increase expression of C-C chemokine receptor 7 (CCR7) after binding to a TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein expressed in a cell. Increased expression may include, without limitation, an increase in gene expression, an increase in transcriptional expression, or an increase in protein expression. Any method known in the art for determining gene, transcript (*e.g.*, mRNA), and/or protein expression may be used. For example, Northern blot analysis may be used to determine anti-inflammatory mediator gene expression levels, RT-PCR may be used to determine the level of anti-inflammatory mediator transcription, and Western blot analysis may be used to determine anti-inflammatory mediator protein levels.

[0270] C-C chemokine receptor 7 (CCR7) is a member of the G protein-coupled receptor family. CCR7 is expressed in various lymphoid tissues and can activate B-cells and T-cells. In some embodiments, CCR7 may modulate the migration of memory T-cells to secondary lymphoid organs, such as lymph nodes. In other embodiments, CCR7 may stimulate dendritic cell maturation. CCR7 is a receptor protein that can bind the chemokine (C-C motif) ligands CCL19/ELC and CCL21.

[0271] As used herein, CCR7 may have increased expression if its expression in one or more cells of a subject treated with an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure is greater than the expression of CCR7 expressed in one or more cells of a corresponding subject that is not treated with the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody. In some embodiments, an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure may increase CCR7 expression in one or more cells of a subject by at least 10%, at least 15%, at least 20%, at least 25%, at least 30%, at least 35%, at least 40%, at least 45%, at least 50%, at least 55%, at least 60%, at least 65%, at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, at least 100%, at least 110%, at least 115%, at least 120%, at least 125%, at least 130%, at least 135%, at least 140%, at least 145%, at least 150%, at least 160%, at least

170%, at least 180%, at least 190%, or at least 200% for example, as compared to CCR7 expression in one or more cells of a corresponding subject that is not treated with the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody. In other embodiments, an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure increases CCR7 expression in one or more cells of a subject by at least 1.5 fold, at least 1.6 fold, at least 1.7 fold, at least 1.8 fold, at least 1.9 fold, at least 2.0 fold, at least 2.1 fold, at least 2.15 fold, at least 2.2 fold, at least 2.25 fold, at least 2.3 fold, at least 2.35 fold, at least 2.4 fold, at least 2.45 fold, at least 2.5 fold, at least 2.55 fold, at least 3.0 fold, at least 3.5 fold, at least 4.0 fold, at least 4.5 fold, at least 5.0 fold, at least 5.5 fold, at least 6.0 fold, at least 6.5 fold, at least 7.0 fold, at least 7.5 fold, at least 8.0 fold, at least 8.5 fold, at least 9.0 fold, at least 9.5 fold, or at least 10 fold, for example, as compared to CCR7 expression in one or more cells of a corresponding subject that is not treated with the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody.

[0272] In some embodiments, increased expression of CCR7 occurs in macrophages, dendritic cells, and/or microglial cells. Increased expression of CCR7 may induce microglial cell chemotaxis toward cells expressing the chemokines CCL19 and CCL21. Accordingly, in certain embodiments, anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may induce microglial cell chemotaxis toward CCL19 and CCL21 expressing cells.

[0273] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that, in some embodiments, anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure are useful for preventing, lowering the risk of, or treating conditions and/or diseases associated with decreased levels of CCR7, including dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, Parkinson's disease, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Taupathy disease, and/or multiple sclerosis.

Enhancement or normalization of the ability of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells to induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation

[0274] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may enhance and/or normalize the ability of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells to

induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation after binding to a TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein expressed in a cell.

[0275] In some embodiments, agonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may enhance and/or normalize the ability of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells to induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation in one or more bone marrow-derived dendritic cells of a subject by at least 10%, at least 15%, at least 20%, at least 25%, at least 30%, at least 35%, at least 40%, at least 45%, at least 50%, at least 55%, at least 60%, at least 65%, at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, at least 100%, at least 110%, at least 115%, at least 120%, at least 125%, at least 130%, at least 135%, at least 140%, at least 145%, at least 150%, at least 160%, at least 170%, at least 180%, at least 190%, or at least 200% for example, as compared to the ability of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells to induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation in one or more bone marrow-derived dendritic cells of a corresponding subject that is not treated with the agonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody. In other embodiments, the agonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody may enhance and/or normalize the ability of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells to induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation in one or more bone marrow-derived dendritic cells of a subject by at least at least 1.5 fold, at least 1.6 fold, at least 1.7 fold, at least 1.8 fold, at least 1.9 fold, at least 2.0 fold, at least 2.1 fold, at least 2.15 fold, at least 2.2 fold, at least 2.25 fold, at least 2.3 fold, at least 2.35 fold, at least 2.4 fold, at least 2.45 fold, at least 2.5 fold, at least 2.55 fold, at least 3.0 fold, at least 3.5 fold, at least 4.0 fold, at least 4.5 fold, at least 5.0 fold, at least 5.5 fold, at least 6.0 fold, at least 6.5 fold, at least 7.0 fold, at least 7.5 fold, at least 8.0 fold, at least 8.5 fold, at least 9.0 fold, at least 9.5 fold, or at least 10 fold, for example, as compared to the ability of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells to induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation in one or more bone marrow-derived dendritic cells of a corresponding subject that is not treated with the agonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody.

[0276] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure are beneficial for preventing, lowering the risk of, or treating conditions and/or diseases associated with an increased or dysregulated ability of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells to induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation, including

dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, Parkinson's disease, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Taupathy disease, and/or multiple sclerosis.

Osteoclast production

[0277] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may induce osteoclast production and/or increase the rate of osteoclastogenesis after binding to a TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein expressed in a cell.

[0278] As used herein, an osteoclast is a type of bone cell that can remove bone tissue by removing its mineralized matrix and breaking up the organic bone (*e.g.*, bone resorption). Osteoclasts can be formed by the fusion of cells of the monocyte-macrophage cell line. In some embodiments, osteoclasts may be characterized by high expression of tartrate resistant acid phosphatase (TRAP) and cathepsin K.

[0279] As used herein, the rate of osteoclastogenesis may be increased if the rate of osteoclastogenesis in a subject treated with an agonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure is greater than the rate of osteoclastogenesis in a corresponding subject that is not treated with the agonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody. In some embodiments, an agonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure may increase the rate of osteoclastogenesis in a subject by at least 10%, at least 15%, at least 20%, at least 25%, at least 30%, at least 35%, at least 40%, at least 45%, at least 50%, at least 55%, at least 60%, at least 65%, at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, at least 100%, at least 110%, at least 115%, at least 120%, at least 125%, at least 130%, at least 135%, at least 140%, at least 145%, at least 150%, at least 160%, at least 170%, at least 180%, at least 190%, or at least 200% for example, as compared to rate of osteoclastogenesis in a corresponding subject that is not treated with the agonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody. In other embodiments, an agonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure may increase the rate of osteoclastogenesis in a subject by at least 1.5 fold, at least 1.6 fold, at least 1.7 fold, at least 1.8 fold, at least 1.9 fold, at least 2.0 fold, at least 2.1 fold, at least 2.15 fold, at least 2.2 fold, at least 2.25 fold, at least 2.3 fold, at least

2.35 fold, at least 2.4 fold, at least 2.45 fold, at least 2.5 fold, at least 2.55 fold, at least 3.0 fold, at least 3.5 fold, at least 4.0 fold, at least 4.5 fold, at least 5.0 fold, at least 5.5 fold, at least 6.0 fold, at least 6.5 fold, at least 7.0 fold, at least 7.5 fold, at least 8.0 fold, at least 8.5 fold, at least 9.0 fold, at least 9.5 fold, or at least 10 fold, for example, as compared to rate of osteoclastogenesis in a corresponding subject that is not treated with the agonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody.

[0280] As used herein, the rate of osteoclastogenesis may be decreased if the rate of osteoclastogenesis in a subject treated with an antagonist anti-TREM2 antibody and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure is smaller than the rate of osteoclastogenesis in a corresponding subject that is not treated with the antagonist anti-TREM2 antibody and/or anti-DAP12 antibody. In some embodiments, an antagonist anti-TREM2 antibody and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure may decrease the rate of osteoclastogenesis in a subject by at least 10%, at least 15%, at least 20%, at least 25%, at least 30%, at least 35%, at least 40%, at least 45%, at least 50%, at least 55%, at least 60%, at least 65%, at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, at least 100%, at least 110%, at least 115%, at least 120%, at least 125%, at least 130%, at least 135%, at least 140%, at least 145%, at least 150%, at least 160%, at least 170%, at least 180%, at least 190%, or at least 200% for example, as compared to rate of osteoclastogenesis in a corresponding subject that is not treated with the antagonist anti-TREM2 antibody and/or anti-DAP12 antibody. In other embodiments, an antagonist anti-TREM2 antibody and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure may decrease the rate of osteoclastogenesis in a subject by at least 1.5 fold, at least 1.6 fold, at least 1.7 fold, at least 1.8 fold, at least 1.9 fold, at least 2.0 fold, at least 2.1 fold, at least 2.15 fold, at least 2.2 fold, at least 2.25 fold, at least 2.3 fold, at least 2.35 fold, at least 2.4 fold, at least 2.45 fold, at least 2.5 fold, at least 2.55 fold, at least 3.0 fold, at least 3.5 fold, at least 4.0 fold, at least 4.5 fold, at least 5.0 fold, at least 5.5 fold, at least 6.0 fold, at least 6.5 fold, at least 7.0 fold, at least 7.5 fold, at least 8.0 fold, at least 8.5 fold, at least 9.0 fold, at least 9.5 fold, or at least 10 fold, for example, as compared to rate of osteoclastogenesis in a corresponding subject that is not treated with the antagonist anti-TREM2 antibody and/or anti-DAP12 antibody.

[0281] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure are beneficial for preventing, lowering the risk of, or treating conditions and/or diseases associated with a reduction in osteoclast production and/or the rate of osteoclastogenesis, including dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, Parkinson's disease, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Taupathy disease, and/or multiple sclerosis; or associated with abnormal bone formation and maintenance including osteoporosis, which is associated with pathological decrease in bone density and osteoporotic diseases which are associated with pathological increase in bone density.

*Proliferation and survival of macrophages, microglial cells, dendritic cells
monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and Kupffer cells*

[0282] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may increase the proliferation, survival, and/or function of macrophages, microglial cells (microglia), dendritic cells monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and Kupffer cells after binding to TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein expressed in a cell.

[0283] Microglial cells are a type of glial cell that are the resident macrophages of the brain and spinal cord, and thus act as the first and main form of active immune defense in the central nervous system (CNS). Microglial cells constitute 20% of the total glial cell population within the brain. Microglial cells are constantly scavenging the CNS for plaques, damaged neurons and infectious agents. The brain and spinal cord are considered "immune privileged" organs in that they are separated from the rest of the body by a series of endothelial cells known as the blood-brain barrier, which prevents most infections from reaching the vulnerable nervous tissue. In the case where infectious agents are directly introduced to the brain or cross the blood-brain barrier, microglial cells must react quickly to decrease inflammation and destroy the infectious agents before they damage the sensitive neural tissue. Due to the unavailability of antibodies from the rest of the body (few antibodies are small enough to cross the blood brain barrier), microglia must be able to recognize foreign bodies, swallow them, and act as antigen-presenting cells activating T-cells. Since this process must be done quickly to prevent potentially fatal damage,

microglial cells are extremely sensitive to even small pathological changes in the CNS. They achieve this sensitivity in part by having unique potassium channels that respond to even small changes in extracellular potassium.

[0284] As used herein, macrophages of the present disclosure include, without limitation, M1 macrophages, activated M1 macrophages, and M2 macrophages. As used herein, microglial cells of the present disclosure include, without limitation, M1 microglial cells, activated M1 microglial cells, and M2 microglial cells.

[0285] In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may increase the expression of CD83 and/or CD86 on dendritic cells monocytes, and/or macrophages.

[0286] As used herein, the rate of proliferation, survival, and/or function of macrophages microglia, monocytes, and/or dendritic cells may include increased expression if the rate of proliferation, survival, and/or function of macrophages, microglia, dendritic cells monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and/or Kupffer cells in a subject treated with an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure is greater than the rate of proliferation, survival, and/or function of macrophages, microglia, dendritic cells monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and/or Kupffer cells in a corresponding subject that is not treated with the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody. In some embodiments, an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure may increase the rate of proliferation, survival, and/or function of macrophages, microglia, dendritic cells monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and/or Kupffer cells in a subject by at least 10%, at least 15%, at least 20%, at least 25%, at least 30%, at least 35%, at least 40%, at least 45%, at least 50%, at least 55%, at least 60%, at least 65%, at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, at least 100%, at least 110%, at least 115%, at least 120%, at least 125%, at least 130%, at least 135%, at least 140%, at least 145%, at least 150%, at least 160%, at least 170%, at least 180%, at least 190%, or at least 200% for example, as compared to the rate of proliferation, survival, and/or function of macrophages, microglia, dendritic cells monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and/or Kupffer cells in a corresponding subject

that is not treated with the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody. In other embodiments, an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure may increase the rate of proliferation, survival, and/or function of macrophages, microglia, dendritic cells monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and/or Kupffer cells in a subject by at least 1.5 fold, at least 1.6 fold, at least 1.7 fold, at least 1.8 fold, at least 1.9 fold, at least 2.0 fold, at least 2.1 fold, at least 2.15 fold, at least 2.2 fold, at least 2.25 fold, at least 2.3 fold, at least 2.35 fold, at least 2.4 fold, at least 2.45 fold, at least 2.5 fold, at least 2.55 fold, at least 3.0 fold, at least 3.5 fold, at least 4.0 fold, at least 4.5 fold, at least 5.0 fold, at least 5.5 fold, at least 6.0 fold, at least 6.5 fold, at least 7.0 fold, at least 7.5 fold, at least 8.0 fold, at least 8.5 fold, at least 9.0 fold, at least 9.5 fold, or at least 10 fold, for example, as compared to the rate of proliferation, survival, and/or function of macrophages, microglia, dendritic cells monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and/or Kupffer cells in a corresponding subject that is not treated with the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody.

[0287] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure are beneficial for preventing, lowering the risk of, or treating conditions and/or diseases associated with a reduction in proliferation, survival, and/or function of macrophages, microglia, dendritic cells monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and/or Kupffer cells, including dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, Parkinson's disease, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Taupathy disease, and/or multiple sclerosis.

Clearance and phagocytosis

[0288] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may induce clearance and/or phagocytosis after binding to a TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein expressed in a cell of one or more of apoptotic neurons, nerve tissue debris of the nervous system, non-nerve tissue debris of the nervous system, bacteria, other foreign bodies, disease-causing proteins, disease-causing peptides, and/or disease-causing nucleic acids. In certain embodiments, disease-causing protein include, without limitation, amyloid beta or fragments thereof, Tau, IAPP, alpha-synuclein, TDP-43, FUS protein, prion protein, PrPSc, huntingtin,

calcitonin, superoxide dismutase, ataxin, Lewy body, atrial natriuretic factor, islet amyloid polypeptide, insulin, apolipoprotein AI, serum amyloid A, medin, prolactin, transthyretin, lysozyme, beta 2 microglobulin, gelsolin, keratoepithelin, cystatin, immunoglobulin light chain AL, S-IBM protein, Repeat-associated non-ATG (RAN) translation products, DiPeptide repeat (DPR) peptides, glycine-alanine (GA) repeat peptides, glycine-proline (GP) repeat peptides, glycine-arginine (GR) repeat peptides, proline-alanine (PA) repeat peptides, and proline-arginine (PR) repeat peptides. In certain embodiments, disease-causing nucleic acids include, without limitation, antisense GGCCCC (G2C4) repeat-expansion RNA.

[0289] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may induce of one or more types of clearance, including without limitation, apoptotic neuron clearance, nerve tissue debris clearance, non- nerve tissue debris clearance, bacteria or other foreign body clearance, disease-causing protein clearance, disease-causing peptide clearance, disease-causing nucleic acid clearance, and tumor cell clearance.

[0290] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may induce phagocytosis of one or more of apoptotic neurons, nerve tissue debris, non-nerve tissue debris, bacteria, other foreign bodies, disease-causing proteins, disease-causing peptides, disease-causing nucleic acid, and/or tumor cells.

[0291] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may increase phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglia under conditions of reduced levels of macrophage colony-stimulating factor (MCSF). Alternatively, in some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may decrease phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglia in the presence of normal levels of macrophage colony-stimulating factor (MCSF).

[0292] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure are beneficial for preventing, lowering the risk of, or treating conditions and/or diseases associated with apoptotic neurons, nerve tissue debris of the nervous system, non-nerve tissue debris of the nervous system, bacteria, other foreign bodies, or disease-causing proteins, including dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease,

Nasu-Hakola disease, Parkinson's disease, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Taupathy disease, and/or multiple sclerosis.

Syk phosphorylation

[0293] In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may induce spleen tyrosine kinase (Syk) phosphorylation after binding to a TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein expressed in a cell.

[0294] Spleen tyrosine kinase (Syk) is an intracellular signaling molecule that functions downstream of TREM2 by phosphorylating several substrates, thereby facilitating the formation of a signaling complex leading to cellular activation and inflammatory processes.

[0295] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure are beneficial for preventing, lowering the risk of, or treating conditions and/or diseases associated with decreased levels of Syk phosphorylation, including dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, Parkinson's disease, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Taupathy disease, and/or multiple sclerosis.

TREM2-dependent gene expression

[0296] In some embodiments, agonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may increase the activity and/or expression of TREM2-dependent genes, such as one or more transcription factors of the nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) family of transcription factors. Alternatively, antagonistic anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may inhibit the activity and/or expression of TREM2-dependent genes, such as one or more transcription factors of the NFAT family of transcription factors.

[0297] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that agonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure are beneficial for preventing, lowering the risk of, or treating conditions and/or diseases associated with decreased levels of TREM2-dependent genes, including dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease,

Parkinson's disease, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Taupathy disease, and/or multiple sclerosis.

Antibody preparation

[0298] Anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure can encompass polyclonal antibodies, monoclonal antibodies, humanized and chimeric antibodies, human antibodies, antibody fragments (*e.g.*, Fab, Fab'-SH, Fv, scFv, and F(ab')₂), bispecific and polyspecific antibodies, multivalent antibodies, library derived antibodies, antibodies having modified effector functions, fusion proteins containing an antibody portion, and any other modified configuration of the immunoglobulin molecule that includes an antigen recognition site, such as an epitope having amino acid residues of a TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein of the present disclosure, including glycosylation variants of antibodies, amino acid sequence variants of antibodies, and covalently modified antibodies. The anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies may be human, murine, rat, or of any other origin (including chimeric or humanized antibodies).

(1) Polyclonal antibodies

[0299] Polyclonal antibodies, such as anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 polyclonal antibodies, are generally raised in animals by multiple subcutaneous (sc) or intraperitoneal (ip) injections of the relevant antigen and an adjuvant. It may be useful to conjugate the relevant antigen (*e.g.*, a purified or recombinant TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein of the present disclosure) to a protein that is immunogenic in the species to be immunized, *e.g.*, keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH), serum albumin, bovine thyroglobulin, or soybean trypsin inhibitor, using a bifunctional or derivatizing agent, *e.g.*, maleimidobenzoyl sulfosuccinimide ester (conjugation through cysteine residues), N-hydroxysuccinimide (through lysine residues), glutaraldehyde, succinic anhydride, SOCl₂, or R¹N=C=NR, where R and R¹ are independently lower alkyl groups. Examples of adjuvants which may be employed include Freund's complete adjuvant and MPL-TDM adjuvant (monophosphoryl Lipid A, synthetic trehalose dicorynomycolate). The immunization protocol may be selected by one skilled in the art without undue experimentation.

[0300] The animals are immunized against the desired antigen, immunogenic conjugates, or derivatives by combining, *e.g.*, 100 µg (for rabbits) or 5 µg (for mice) of the protein or conjugate

with 3 volumes of Freund's complete adjuvant and injecting the solution intradermally at multiple sites. One month later, the animals are boosted with 1/5 to 1/10 the original amount of peptide or conjugate in Freund's complete adjuvant by subcutaneous injection at multiple sites. Seven to fourteen days later, the animals are bled and the serum is assayed for antibody titer. Animals are boosted until the titer plateaus. Conjugates also can be made in recombinant-cell culture as protein fusions. Also, aggregating agents such as alum are suitable to enhance the immune response.

(2) *Monoclonal antibodies*

[0301] Monoclonal antibodies, such as anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 monoclonal antibodies, are obtained from a population of substantially homogeneous antibodies, *i.e.*, the individual antibodies comprising the population are identical except for possible naturally occurring mutations and/or post-translational modifications (*e.g.*, isomerizations, amidations) that may be present in minor amounts. Thus, the modifier "monoclonal" indicates the character of the antibody as not being a mixture of discrete antibodies.

[0302] For example, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 monoclonal antibodies may be made using the hybridoma method first described by Köhler et al., *Nature*, 256:495 (1975), or may be made by recombinant DNA methods (U.S. Patent No. 4,816,567).

[0303] In the hybridoma method, a mouse or other appropriate host animal, such as a hamster, is immunized as hereinabove described to elicit lymphocytes that produce or are capable of producing antibodies that will specifically bind to the protein used for immunization (*e.g.*, a purified or recombinant TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein of the present disclosure). Alternatively, lymphocytes may be immunized *in vitro*. Lymphocytes then are fused with myeloma cells using a suitable fusing agent, such as polyethylene glycol, to form a hybridoma cell (Goding, *Monoclonal Antibodies: Principles and Practice*, pp.59-103 (Academic Press, 1986)).

[0304] The immunizing agent will typically include the antigenic protein (*e.g.*, a purified or recombinant TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein of the present disclosure) or a fusion variant thereof. Generally peripheral blood lymphocytes ("PBLs") are used if cells of human origin are desired, while spleen or lymph node cells are used if non-human mammalian sources are desired. The

lymphocytes are then fused with an immortalized cell line using a suitable fusing agent, such as polyethylene glycol, to form a hybridoma cell. Goding, *Monoclonal Antibodies: Principles and Practice*, Academic Press (1986), pp. 59-103.

[0305] Immortalized cell lines are usually transformed mammalian cells, particularly myeloma cells of rodent, bovine or human origin. Usually, rat or mouse myeloma cell lines are employed. The hybridoma cells thus prepared are seeded and grown in a suitable culture medium that preferably contains one or more substances that inhibit the growth or survival of the unfused, parental myeloma cells. For example, if the parental myeloma cells lack the enzyme hypoxanthine guanine phosphoribosyl transferase (HGPRT or HPRT), the culture medium for the hybridomas typically will include hypoxanthine, aminopterin, and thymidine (HAT medium), which are substances that prevent the growth of HGPRT-deficient-cells.

[0306] Preferred immortalized myeloma cells are those that fuse efficiently, support stable high-level production of antibody by the selected antibody-producing cells, and are sensitive to a medium such as HAT medium. Among these, preferred are murine myeloma lines, such as those derived from MOPC-21 and MPC-11 mouse tumors (available from the Salk Institute Cell Distribution Center, San Diego, California USA), as well as SP-2 cells and derivatives thereof (*e.g.*, X63-Ag8-653) (available from the American Type Culture Collection, Manassas, Virginia USA). Human myeloma and mouse-human heteromyeloma cell lines have also been described for the production of human monoclonal antibodies (Kozbor, *J. Immunol.*, 133:3001 (1984); Brodeur et al., *Monoclonal Antibody Production Techniques and Applications*, pp. 51-63 (Marcel Dekker, Inc., New York, 1987)).

[0307] Culture medium in which hybridoma cells are growing is assayed for production of monoclonal antibodies directed against the antigen (*e.g.*, a TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein of the present disclosure). Preferably, the binding specificity of monoclonal antibodies produced by hybridoma cells is determined by immunoprecipitation or by an *in vitro* binding assay, such as radioimmunoassay (RIA) or enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA).

[0308] The culture medium in which the hybridoma cells are cultured can be assayed for the presence of monoclonal antibodies directed against the desired antigen (*e.g.*, a TREM2 and/or

DAP12 protein of the present disclosure). Preferably, the binding affinity and specificity of the monoclonal antibody can be determined by immunoprecipitation or by an *in vitro* binding assay, such as radioimmunoassay (RIA) or enzyme-linked assay (ELISA). Such techniques and assays are known in the art. For example, binding affinity may be determined by the Scatchard analysis of Munson et al., *Anal. Biochem.*, 107:220 (1980).

[0309] After hybridoma cells are identified that produce antibodies of the desired specificity, affinity, and/or activity, the clones may be subcloned by limiting dilution procedures and grown by standard methods (Goding, *supra*). Suitable culture media for this purpose include, for example, D-MEM or RPMI-1640 medium. In addition, the hybridoma cells may be grown *in vivo* as tumors in a mammal.

[0310] The monoclonal antibodies secreted by the subclones are suitably separated from the culture medium, ascites fluid, or serum by conventional immunoglobulin purification procedures such as, for example, protein A-Sepharose chromatography, hydroxylapatite chromatography, gel electrophoresis, dialysis, affinity chromatography, and other methods as described above.

[0311] Anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 monoclonal antibodies may also be made by recombinant DNA methods, such as those disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 4,816,567, and as described above. DNA encoding the monoclonal antibodies is readily isolated and sequenced using conventional procedures (*e.g.*, by using oligonucleotide probes that specifically bind to genes encoding the heavy and light chains of murine antibodies). The hybridoma cells serve as a preferred source of such DNA. Once isolated, the DNA may be placed into expression vectors, which are then transfected into host-cells such as *E. coli* cells, simian COS cells, Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells, or myeloma cells that do not otherwise produce immunoglobulin protein, in order to synthesize monoclonal antibodies in such recombinant host-cells. Review articles on recombinant expression in bacteria of DNA encoding the antibody include Skerra et al., *Curr. Opin. Immunol.*, 5:256-262 (1993) and Plückthun, *Immunol. Rev.* 130:151-188 (1992).

[0312] In certain embodiments, anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies can be isolated from antibody phage libraries generated using the techniques described in McCafferty et al., *Nature*, 348:552-554 (1990). Clackson et al., *Nature*, 352:624-628 (1991) and Marks et al., *J.*

Mol. Biol., 222:581-597 (1991) described the isolation of murine and human antibodies, respectively, from phage libraries. Subsequent publications describe the production of high affinity (nanomolar (“nM”) range) human antibodies by chain shuffling (Marks et al., *Bio/Technology*, 10:779-783 (1992)), as well as combinatorial infection and *in vivo* recombination as a strategy for constructing very large phage libraries (Waterhouse et al., *Nucl. Acids Res.*, 21:2265-2266 (1993)). Thus, these techniques are viable alternatives to traditional monoclonal antibody hybridoma techniques for isolation of monoclonal antibodies of desired specificity (*e.g.*, those that bind a TREM2 protein of the present disclosure).

[0313] The DNA encoding antibodies or fragments thereof may also be modified, for example, by substituting the coding sequence for human heavy- and light-chain constant domains in place of the homologous murine sequences (U.S. Patent No. 4,816,567; Morrison, et al., *Proc. Natl Acad. Sci. USA*, 81:6851 (1984)), or by covalently joining to the immunoglobulin coding sequence all or part of the coding sequence for a non-immunoglobulin polypeptide. Typically such non-immunoglobulin polypeptides are substituted for the constant domains of an antibody, or they are substituted for the variable domains of one antigen-combining site of an antibody to create a chimeric bivalent antibody comprising one antigen-combining site having specificity for an antigen and another antigen-combining site having specificity for a different antigen.

[0314] The monoclonal antibodies described herein (*e.g.*, anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure or fragments thereof) may be monovalent, the preparation of which is well known in the art. For example, one method involves recombinant expression of immunoglobulin light chain and a modified heavy chain. The heavy chain is truncated generally at any point in the Fc region so as to prevent heavy chain crosslinking. Alternatively, the relevant cysteine residues may be substituted with another amino acid residue or are deleted so as to prevent crosslinking. *In vitro* methods are also suitable for preparing monovalent antibodies. Digestion of antibodies to produce fragments thereof, particularly Fab fragments, can be accomplished using routine techniques known in the art.

[0315] Chimeric or hybrid anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies also may be prepared *in vitro* using known methods in synthetic protein chemistry, including those involving

crosslinking agents. For example, immunotoxins may be constructed using a disulfide-exchange reaction or by forming a thioether bond. Examples of suitable reagents for this purpose include iminothiolate and methyl-4-mercaptobutyrimidate.

(3) *Humanized antibodies*

[0316] Anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure or antibody fragments thereof may further include humanized or human antibodies. Humanized forms of non-human (*e.g.*, murine) antibodies are chimeric immunoglobulins, immunoglobulin chains or fragments thereof (such as Fab, Fab'-SH, Fv, scFv, F(ab')₂ or other antigen-binding subsequences of antibodies) which contain minimal sequence derived from non-human immunoglobulin. Humanized antibodies include human immunoglobulins (recipient antibody) in which residues from a complementarity determining region (CDR) of the recipient are replaced by residues from a CDR of a non-human species (donor antibody) such as mouse, rat or rabbit having the desired specificity, affinity and capacity. In some instances, Fv framework residues of the human immunoglobulin are replaced by corresponding non-human residues. Humanized antibodies may also comprise residues which are found neither in the recipient antibody nor in the imported CDR or framework sequences. In general, the humanized antibody will comprise substantially all of at least one, and typically two, variable domains, in which all or substantially all of the CDR regions correspond to those of a non-human immunoglobulin and all or substantially all of the FR regions are those of a human immunoglobulin consensus sequence. The humanized antibody optimally will also comprise at least a portion of an immunoglobulin constant region (Fc), typically that of a human immunoglobulin. Jones et al., *Nature* 321: 522-525 (1986); Riechmann et al., *Nature* 332: 323-329 (1988) and Presta, *Curr. Opin. Struct. Biol.* 2: 593-596 (1992).

[0317] Methods for humanizing non-human anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies are well known in the art. Generally, a humanized antibody has one or more amino acid residues introduced into it from a source which is non-human. These non-human amino acid residues are often referred to as "import" residues, which are typically taken from an "import" variable domain. Humanization can be essentially performed following the method of Winter and co-

workers, Jones et al., *Nature* 321:522-525 (1986); Riechmann et al., *Nature* 332:323-327 (1988); Verhoeyen et al., *Science* 239:1534-1536 (1988), or through substituting rodent CDRs or CDR sequences for the corresponding sequences of a human antibody. Accordingly, such “humanized” antibodies are chimeric antibodies (U.S. Patent No. 4,816,567), wherein substantially less than an intact human variable domain has been substituted by the corresponding sequence from a non-human species. In practice, humanized antibodies are typically human antibodies in which some CDR residues and possibly some FR residues are substituted by residues from analogous sites in rodent antibodies.

[0318] The choice of human variable domains, both light and heavy, to be used in making the humanized antibodies is very important to reduce antigenicity. According to the so-called “best-fit” method, the sequence of the variable domain of a rodent antibody is screened against the entire library of known human variable-domain sequences. The human sequence which is closest to that of the rodent is then accepted as the human framework (FR) for the humanized antibody. Sims et al., *J. Immunol.*, 151:2296 (1993); Chothia et al., *J. Mol. Biol.*, 196:901 (1987). Another method uses a particular framework derived from the consensus sequence of all human antibodies of a particular subgroup of light or heavy chains. The same framework may be used for several different humanized antibodies. Carter et al., *Proc. Nat’l Acad. Sci. USA* 89:4285 (1992); Presta et al., *J. Immunol.* 151:2623 (1993).

[0319] Furthermore, it is important that antibodies be humanized with retention of high affinity for the antigen and other favorable biological properties. To achieve this goal, according to a preferred method, humanized antibodies are prepared by a process of analyzing the parental sequences and various conceptual humanized products using three-dimensional models of the parental and humanized sequences. Three-dimensional immunoglobulin models are commonly available and are familiar to those skilled in the art. Computer programs are available which illustrate and display probable three-dimensional conformational structures of selected candidate immunoglobulin sequences. Inspection of these displays permits analysis of the likely role of the residues in the functioning of the candidate immunoglobulin sequence, *i.e.*, the analysis of residues that influence the ability of the candidate immunoglobulin to bind its antigen. In this way, FR residues can be selected and combined from the recipient and import sequences so that

the desired antibody characteristic, such as increased affinity for the target antigen or antigens (*e.g.*, TREM2 proteins of the present disclosure), is achieved. In general, the CDR residues are directly and most substantially involved in influencing antigen binding.

[0320] Various forms of the humanized anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody are contemplated. For example, the humanized anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody may be an antibody fragment, such as an Fab, which is optionally conjugated with one or more TREM2 ligand, such as HSP60. Alternatively, the humanized anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody may be an intact antibody, such as an intact IgG1 antibody.

(4) Human antibodies

[0321] Alternatively, human anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies can be generated. For example, it is now possible to produce transgenic animals (*e.g.*, mice) that are capable, upon immunization, of producing a full repertoire of human antibodies in the absence of endogenous immunoglobulin production. The homozygous deletion of the antibody heavy-chain joining region (J_H) gene in chimeric and germ-line mutant mice results in complete inhibition of endogenous antibody production. Transfer of the human germ-line immunoglobulin gene array in such germ-line mutant mice will result in the production of human antibodies upon antigen challenge. *See, e.g.*, Jakobovits et al., *Proc. Nat'l Acad. Sci. USA*, 90:2551 (1993); Jakobovits et al., *Nature*, 362:255-258 (1993); Bruggermann et al., *Year in Immunol.*, 7:33 (1993); U.S. Patent Nos. 5,591,669 and WO 97/17852.

[0322] Alternatively, phage display technology can be used to produce human anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies and antibody fragments *in vitro*, from immunoglobulin variable (V) domain gene repertoires from unimmunized donors. McCafferty et al., *Nature* 348:552-553 (1990); Hoogenboom and Winter, *J. Mol. Biol.* 227: 381 (1991). According to this technique, antibody V domain genes are cloned in-frame into either a major or minor coat protein gene of a filamentous bacteriophage, such as M13 or fd, and displayed as functional antibody fragments on the surface of the phage particle. Because the filamentous particle contains a single-stranded DNA copy of the phage genome, selections based on the functional properties of the antibody also result in selection of the gene encoding the antibody exhibiting those properties. Thus, the

phage mimics some of the properties of the B-cell. Phage display can be performed in a variety of formats, reviewed in, *e.g.*, Johnson, Kevin S. and Chiswell, David J., *Curr. Opin Struct. Biol.* 3:564-571 (1993). Several sources of V-gene segments can be used for phage display. Clackson et al., *Nature* 352:624-628 (1991) isolated a diverse array of anti-oxazolone antibodies from a small random combinatorial library of V genes derived from the spleens of immunized mice. A repertoire of V genes from unimmunized human donors can be constructed and antibodies to a diverse array of antigens (including self-antigens) can be isolated essentially following the techniques described by Marks et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 222:581-597 (1991), or Griffith et al., *EMBO J.* 12:725-734 (1993). *See also* U.S. Patent. Nos. 5,565,332 and 5,573,905. Additionally, yeast display technology can be used to produce human anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies and antibody fragments *in vitro* (*e.g.*, WO 2009/036379; WO 2010/105256; WO 2012/009568; US 2009/0181855; US 2010/0056386; and Feldhaus and Siegel (2004) *J. Immunological Methods* 290:69-80). In other embodiments, ribosome display technology can be used to produce human anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies and antibody fragments *in vitro* (*e.g.*, Roberts and Szostak (1997) *Proc Natl Acad Sci* 94:12297-12302; Schaffitzel et al. (1999) *J. Immunological Methods* 231:119-135; Lipovsek and Plückthun (2004) *J. Immunological Methods* 290:51-67).

[0323] The techniques of Cole et al., and Boerner et al., are also available for the preparation of human anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 monoclonal antibodies (Cole et al., *Monoclonal Antibodies and Cancer Therapy*, Alan R. Liss, p. 77 (1985) and Boerner et al., *J. Immunol.* 147(1): 86-95 (1991). Similarly, human anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies can be made by introducing human immunoglobulin loci into transgenic animals, *e.g.*, mice in which the endogenous immunoglobulin genes have been partially or completely inactivated. Upon challenge, human antibody production is observed, which closely resembles that seen in humans in all respects, including gene rearrangement, assembly and antibody repertoire. This approach is described, for example, in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,545,807; 5,545,806, 5,569,825, 5,625,126, 5,633,425, 5,661,016 and in the following scientific publications: Marks et al., *Bio/Technology* 10: 779-783 (1992); Lonberg et al., *Nature* 368: 856-859 (1994); Morrison, *Nature* 368: 812-13

(1994), Fishwild et al., *Nature Biotechnology* 14: 845-51 (1996), Neuberger, *Nature Biotechnology* 14: 826 (1996) and Lonberg and Huszar, *Intern. Rev. Immunol.* 13: 65-93 (1995).

[0324] Finally, human anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies may also be generated in vitro by activated B-cells (see U.S. Patent Nos. 5,567,610 and 5,229,275).

(5) Antibody fragments

[0325] In certain embodiments there are advantages to using anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody fragments, rather than whole anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies. In some embodiments, smaller fragment sizes allow for rapid clearance and better brain penetration.

[0326] Various techniques have been developed for the production of antibody fragments. Traditionally, these fragments were derived via proteolytic digestion of intact antibodies (*see, e.g.,* Morimoto et al., *J. Biochem. Biophys. Method.* 24:107-117 (1992); and Brennan et al., *Science* 229:81 (1985)). However, these fragments can now be produced directly by recombinant host-cells, for example, using nucleic acids encoding anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure. Fab, Fv and scFv antibody fragments can all be expressed in and secreted from *E. coli*, thus allowing the straightforward production of large amounts of these fragments. Anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody fragments can also be isolated from the antibody phage libraries as discussed above. Alternatively, Fab'-SH fragments can be directly recovered from *E. coli* and chemically coupled to form F(ab')₂ fragments (Carter et al., *Bio/Technology* 10:163-167 (1992)). According to another approach, F(ab')₂ fragments can be isolated directly from recombinant host-cell culture. Production of Fab and F(ab')₂ antibody fragments with increased *in vivo* half-lives are described in U.S. Patent No. 5,869,046. In other embodiments, the antibody of choice is a single chain Fv fragment (scFv). See WO 93/16185; U.S. Patent No. 5,571,894 and U.S. Patent No. 5,587,458. The anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody fragment may also be a "linear antibody," *e.g.,* as described in U.S. Patent 5,641,870. Such linear antibody fragments may be monospecific or bispecific.

(6) Bispecific and polyspecific antibodies

[0327] Bispecific antibodies (BsAbs) are antibodies that have binding specificities for at least two different epitopes, including those on the same or another protein (*e.g.,* one or more TREM2

proteins of the present disclosure). Alternatively, one part of a BsAb can be armed to bind to the target TREM2 and/or DAP12 antigen, and another can be combined with an arm that binds to a second protein. Such antibodies can be derived from full-length antibodies or antibody fragments (*e.g.*, F(ab')₂ bispecific antibodies).

[0328] Methods for making bispecific antibodies are known in the art. Traditional production of full-length bispecific antibodies is based on the coexpression of two immunoglobulin heavy-chain/light chain pairs, where the two chains have different specificities. Millstein et al., *Nature*, 305:537-539 (1983). Because of the random assortment of immunoglobulin heavy and light chains, these hybridomas (quadromas) produce a potential mixture of 10 different antibody molecules, of which only one has the correct bispecific structure. Purification of the correct molecule, which is usually done by affinity chromatography steps, is rather cumbersome, and the product yields are low. Similar procedures are disclosed in WO 93/08829 and in Traunecker et al., *EMBO J.*, 10:3655-3659 (1991).

[0329] According to a different approach, antibody variable domains with the desired binding specificities (antibody-antigen combining sites) are fused to immunoglobulin constant domain sequences. The fusion preferably is with an immunoglobulin heavy chain constant domain, comprising at least part of the hinge, C_H2, and C_H3 regions. It is preferred to have the first heavy-chain constant region (C_H1) containing the site necessary for light chain binding, present in at least one of the fusions. DNAs encoding the immunoglobulin heavy chain fusions and, if desired, the immunoglobulin light chain, are inserted into separate expression vectors, and are co-transfected into a suitable host organism. This provides for great flexibility in adjusting the mutual proportions of the three polypeptide fragments in embodiments when unequal ratios of the three polypeptide chains used in the construction provide the optimum yields. It is, however, possible to insert the coding sequences for two or all three polypeptide chains in one expression vector when the expression of at least two polypeptide chains in equal ratios results in high yields or when the ratios are of no particular significance.

[0330] In a preferred embodiment of this approach, the bispecific antibodies are composed of a hybrid immunoglobulin heavy chain with a first binding specificity in one arm, and a hybrid

immunoglobulin heavy chain-light chain pair (providing a second binding specificity) in the other arm. It was found that this asymmetric structure facilitates the separation of the desired bispecific compound from unwanted immunoglobulin chain combinations, as the presence of an immunoglobulin light chain in only half of the bispecific molecules provides for an easy way of separation. This approach is disclosed in WO 94/04690. For further details of generating bispecific antibodies, see, for example, Suresh et al., *Methods in Enzymology* 121: 210 (1986); and Garber, *Nature Reviews Drug Discovery* 13, 799-801 (2014).

[0331] According to another approach described in WO 96/27011 or U.S. Patent No. 5,731,168, the interface between a pair of antibody molecules can be engineered to maximize the percentage of heterodimers which are recovered from recombinant-cell culture. The preferred interface comprises at least a part of the C_H3 region of an antibody constant domain. In this method, one or more small amino acid side chains from the interface of the first antibody molecule are replaced with larger side chains (*e.g.*, tyrosine or tryptophan). Compensatory “cavities” of identical or similar size to the large side chains(s) are created on the interface of the second antibody molecule by replacing large amino acid side chains with smaller ones (*e.g.*, alanine or threonine). This provides a mechanism for increasing the yield of the heterodimer over other unwanted end-products such as homodimers.

[0332] Techniques for generating bispecific antibodies from antibody fragments have been described in the literature. For example, bispecific antibodies can be prepared using chemical linkage. Brennan et al., *Science* 229:81 (1985) describe a procedure wherein intact antibodies are proteolytically cleaved to generate F(ab')₂ fragments. These fragments are reduced in the presence of the dithiol complexing agent sodium arsenite to stabilize vicinal dithiols and prevent intermolecular disulfide formation. The Fab' fragments generated are then converted to thionitrobenzoate (TNB) derivatives. One of the Fab'-TNB derivatives is then reconverted to the Fab'-TNB derivative to form the bispecific antibody. The bispecific antibodies produced can be used as agents for the selective immobilization of enzymes.

[0333] Fab' fragments may be directly recovered from *E. coli* and chemically coupled to form bispecific antibodies. Shalaby et al., *J. Exp. Med.* 175: 217-225 (1992) describes the

production of fully humanized bispecific antibody F(ab')₂ molecules. Each Fab' fragment was separately secreted from *E. coli* and subjected to directed chemical coupling *in vitro* to form the bispecific antibody. The bispecific antibody thus formed was able to bind to cells overexpressing the ErbB2 receptor and normal human T-cells, as well as trigger the lytic activity of human cytotoxic lymphocytes against human breast tumor targets.

[0334] Various techniques for making and isolating bivalent antibody fragments directly from recombinant-cell culture have also been described. For example, bivalent heterodimers have been produced using leucine zippers. Kostelny et al., *J. Immunol.*, 148(5):1547-1553 (1992). The leucine zipper peptides from the Fos and Jun proteins were linked to the Fab' portions of two different antibodies by gene fusion. The antibody homodimers were reduced at the hinge region to form monomers and then re-oxidized to form the antibody heterodimers. The "diabody" technology described by Hollinger et al., *Proc. Nat'l Acad. Sci. USA*, 90: 6444-6448 (1993) has provided an alternative mechanism for making bispecific/bivalent antibody fragments. The fragments comprise a heavy-chain variable domain (V_H) connected to a light-chain variable domain (V_L) by a linker which is too short to allow pairing between the two domains on the same chain. Accordingly, the V_H and V_L domains of one fragment are forced to pair with the complementary V_L and V_H domains of another fragment, thereby forming two antigen-binding sites. Another strategy for making bispecific/bivalent antibody fragments by the use of single-chain Fv (sFv) dimers has also been reported. See Gruber et al., *J. Immunol.*, 152:5368 (1994).

[0335] Another method to generate bispecific antibodies is controlled Fab-arm exchange (cFAE), which is an easy-to-use method to generate bispecific IgG1 (bsIgG1). The protocol involves the following: (i) separate expression of two parental IgG1s containing single matching point mutations in the CH3 domain; (ii) mixing of parental IgG1s under permissive redox conditions *in vitro* to enable recombination of half-molecules; (iii) removal of the reductant to allow reoxidation of interchain disulfide bonds; and (iv) analysis of exchange efficiency and final product using chromatography-based or mass spectrometry (MS)-based methods. The protocol generates bsAbs with regular IgG architecture, characteristics and quality attributes both at bench scale (micrograms to milligrams) and at a mini-bioreactor scale (milligrams to grams) that is designed to model large-scale manufacturing (kilograms). Starting from good-quality purified

proteins, exchange efficiencies of $\geq 95\%$ can be obtained within 2-3 days (including quality control). See Labrijn et al., *Natur Protocols* 9, 2450-2463 (2014); and Garber, *Nature Reviews Drug Discovery* 13, 799-801 (2014).

[0336] Antibodies with more than two valencies are also contemplated. For example, trispecific antibodies can be prepared. Tutt et al., *J. Immunol.* 147:60 (1991).

[0337] Exemplary bispecific antibodies may bind to two different epitopes on a given molecule (e.g., a TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein of the present disclosure). In some embodiments a bispecific antibody binds to a first antigen, such as a TREM2 or DAP12 protein of the present disclosure, and a second antigen facilitating transport across the blood-brain barrier. Numerous antigens are known in the art that facilitate transport across the blood-brain barrier (see, e.g., Gabathuler R., Approaches to transport therapeutic drugs across the blood-brain barrier to treat brain diseases, *Neurobiol. Dis.* 37 (2010) 48-57). Such second antigens include, without limitation, transferrin receptor (TR), insulin receptor (HIR), Insulin-like growth factor receptor (IGFR), low-density lipoprotein receptor related proteins 1 and 2 (LPR-1 and 2), diphtheria toxin receptor, including CRM197 (a non-toxic mutant of diphtheria toxin), llama single domain antibodies such as TMEM 30(A) (Flippase), protein transduction domains such as TAT, Syn-B, or penetratin, poly-arginine or generally positively charged peptides, Angiopep peptides such as ANG1005 (see, e.g., Gabathuler, 2010), and other cell surface proteins that are enriched on blood-brain barrier endothelial cells (see, e.g., Daneman et al., *PLoS One.* 2010 Oct 29;5(10):e13741). In some embodiments, second antigens for an anti-TREM2 antibody may include, without limitation, a DAP12 antigen of the present disclosure. In other embodiments, second antigens for an anti-DAP12 antibody may include, without limitation, a TREM2 antigen of the present disclosure. In other embodiments, bispecific antibodies that bind to both TREM2 and DAP12 may facilitate and enhance one or more TREM2 and/or DAP12 activities. In other embodiments, second antigens for an TREM2 and/or DAP12 antibody may include, without limitation, A beta peptide, antigen or an alpha synuclain protein antigene or, Tau protein antigene or, TDP-43 protein antigene or, prion protein antigene or, huntingtin protein antigene, or RAN, translation Products antigene, including the DiPeptide Repeats,(DPRs peptides) composed of

glycine-alanine (GA), glycine-proline (GP), glycine-arginine (GR), proline-alanine (PA), or proline-arginine (PR).

(7) *Multivalent antibodies*

[0338] A multivalent antibody may be internalized (and/or catabolized) faster than a bivalent antibody by a cell expressing an antigen to which the antibodies bind. The anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure or antibody fragments thereof can be multivalent antibodies (which are other than of the IgM class) with three or more antigen binding sites (*e.g.*, tetravalent antibodies), which can be readily produced by recombinant expression of nucleic acid encoding the polypeptide chains of the antibody. The multivalent antibody can comprise a dimerization domain and three or more antigen binding sites. The preferred dimerization domain comprises an Fc region or a hinge region. In this scenario, the antibody will comprise an Fc region and three or more antigen binding sites amino-terminal to the Fc region. The preferred multivalent antibody herein contains three to about eight, but preferably four, antigen binding sites. The multivalent antibody contains at least one polypeptide chain (and preferably two polypeptide chains), wherein the polypeptide chain or chains comprise two or more variable domains. For instance, the polypeptide chain or chains may comprise VD1-(X1)_n-VD2-(X2)_n-Fc, wherein VD1 is a first variable domain, VD2 is a second variable domain, Fc is one polypeptide chain of an Fc region, X1 and X2 represent an amino acid or polypeptide, and n is 0 or 1. Similarly, the polypeptide chain or chains may comprise V_H-C_H1-flexible linker-V_H-C_H1-Fc region chain; or V_H-C_H1-V_H-C_H1-Fc region chain. The multivalent antibody herein preferably further comprises at least two (and preferably four) light chain variable domain polypeptides. The multivalent antibody herein may, for instance, comprise from about two to about eight light chain variable domain polypeptides. The light chain variable domain polypeptides contemplated here comprise a light chain variable domain and, optionally, further comprise a CL domain. The multivalent antibodies may recognize a TREM2 antigen as well as without limitation additional antigens A beta peptide, antigen or an alpha synuclein protein antigen or, Tau protein antigen or, TDP-43 protein antigen or, prion protein antigen or, huntingtin protein antigen, or RAN, translation Products antigen, including the DiPeptide Repeats, (DPRs peptides) composed of glycine-alanine (GA), glycine-proline (GP), glycine-arginine (GR), proline-alanine (PA), or

proline-arginine (PR), Insulin receptor, insulin like growth factor receptor. Transferrin receptor or any other antigen that facilitate antibody transfer across the blood brain barrier.

(8) Effector function engineering

[0339] It may also be desirable to modify an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure to modify effector function and/or to increase serum half-life of the antibody. For example, the Fc receptor binding site on the constant region may be modified or mutated to remove or reduce binding affinity to certain Fc receptors, such as FcγRI, FcγRII, and/or FcγRIII (*e.g.*, to reduce antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity. In some embodiments, the effector function is impaired by removing N-glycosylation of the Fc region (*e.g.*, in the CH 2 domain of IgG) of the antibody. In some embodiments, the effector function is impaired by modifying regions such as 233-236, 297, and/or 327-331 of human IgG as described in PCT WO 99/58572 and Armour et al., *Molecular Immunology* 40: 585-593 (2003); Reddy et al., *J. Immunology* 164:1925-1933 (2000). In some embodiments, it may also be desirable to modify an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure to modify effector function to increase selectivity toward the ITIM-containing FcγRIIb (CD32b) to increase clustering of antibodies on adjacent cells without activating humoral responses including antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity and antibody-dependent cellular phagocytosis.

[0340] To increase the serum half-life of the antibody, one may incorporate a salvage receptor binding epitope into the antibody (especially an antibody fragment) as described in U.S. Patent 5,739,277, for example. As used herein, the term “*salvage receptor binding epitope*” refers to an epitope of the Fc region of an IgG molecule (*e.g.*, IgG₁, IgG₂, IgG₃, or IgG₄) that is responsible for increasing the *in vivo* serum half-life of the IgG molecule.

(9) Other amino acid sequence modifications

[0341] Amino acid sequence modifications of anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure, or antibody fragments thereof, are also contemplated. For example, it may be desirable to improve the binding affinity and/or other biological properties of the antibodies or antibody fragments. Amino acid sequence variants of the antibodies or antibody fragments are prepared by introducing appropriate nucleotide changes into the nucleic acid encoding the

antibodies or antibody fragments, or by peptide synthesis. Such modifications include, for example, deletions from, and/or insertions into and/or substitutions of, residues within the amino acid sequences of the antibody. Any combination of deletion, insertion, and substitution is made to arrive at the final construct, provided that the final construct possesses the desired characteristics (*i.e.*, the ability to bind or physically interact with a TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein of the present disclosure). The amino acid changes also may alter post-translational processes of the antibody, such as changing the number or position of glycosylation sites.

[0342] A useful method for identification of certain residues or regions of the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody that are preferred locations for mutagenesis is called “alanine scanning mutagenesis” as described by Cunningham and Wells in *Science*, 244:1081-1085 (1989). Here, a residue or group of target residues are identified (*e.g.*, charged residues such as arg, asp, his, lys, and glu) and replaced by a neutral or negatively charged amino acid (most preferably alanine or polyalanine) to affect the interaction of the amino acids with the target antigen. Those amino acid locations demonstrating functional sensitivity to the substitutions then are refined by introducing further or other variants at, or for, the sites of substitution. Thus, while the site for introducing an amino acid sequence variation is predetermined, the nature of the mutation *per se* need not be predetermined. For example, to analyze the performance of a mutation at a given site, alanine scanning or random mutagenesis is conducted at the target codon or region and the expressed antibody variants are screened for the desired activity.

[0343] Amino acid sequence insertions include amino- (“N”) and/or carboxy- (“C”) terminal fusions ranging in length from one residue to polypeptides containing a hundred or more residues, as well as intrasequence insertions of single or multiple amino acid residues. Examples of terminal insertions include an antibody with an N-terminal methionyl residue or the antibody fused to a cytotoxic polypeptide. Other insertional variants of the antibody molecule include the fusion to the N- or C-terminus of the antibody to an enzyme or a polypeptide which increases the serum half-life of the antibody.

[0344] Another type of variant is an amino acid substitution variant. These variants have at least one amino acid residue in the antibody molecule replaced by a different residue. The sites

of greatest interest for substitutional mutagenesis include the hypervariable regions, but FR alterations are also contemplated. Conservative substitutions are shown in the Table A below under the heading of “preferred substitutions”. If such substitutions result in a change in biological activity, then more substantial changes, denominated “exemplary substitutions” in Table A, or as further described below in reference to amino acid classes, may be introduced and the products screened.

TABLE A: Amino Acid Substitutions

Original Residue	Exemplary Substitutions	Preferred Substitutions
Ala (A)	val; leu; ile	val
Arg (R)	lys; gln; asn	lys
Asn (N)	gln; his; asp, lys; arg	gln
Asp (D)	glu; asn	glu
Cys (C)	ser; ala	ser
Gln (Q)	asn; glu	asn
Glu (E)	asp; gln	asp
Gly (G)	ala	ala
His (H)	asn; gln; lys; arg	arg
Ile (I)	leu; val; met; ala; phe; norleucine	leu
Leu (L)	norleucine; ile; val; met; ala; phe	ile
Lys (K)	arg; gln; asn	arg
Met (M)	leu; phe; ile	leu
Phe (F)	leu; val; ile; ala; tyr	tyr
Pro (P)	ala	ala
Ser (S)	thr	thr
Thr (T)	Ser	ser
Trp (W)	tyr; phe	tyr
Tyr (Y)	trp; phe; thr; ser	phe
Val (V)	ile; leu; met; phe; ala; norleucine	leu

[0345] Substantial modifications in the biological properties of the antibody are accomplished by selecting substitutions that differ significantly in their effect on maintaining (a) the structure of the polypeptide backbone in the area of the substitution, for example, as a sheet or helical conformation, (b) the charge or hydrophobicity of the molecule at the target site, or (c) the bulk of the side chain. Naturally occurring residues are divided into groups based on common side-chain properties:

- (1) hydrophobic: norleucine, met, ala, val, leu, ile;
- (2) neutral hydrophilic: cys, ser, thr;
- (3) acidic: asp, glu;
- (4) basic: asn, gln, his, lys, arg;
- (5) residues that influence chain orientation: gly, pro; and
- (6) aromatic: trp, tyr, phe.

[0346] Non-conservative substitutions entail exchanging a member of one of these classes for another class.

[0347] Any cysteine residue not involved in maintaining the proper conformation of the antibody also may be substituted, generally with serine, to improve the oxidative stability of the molecule and prevent aberrant crosslinking. Conversely, cysteine bond(s) may be added to the antibody to improve its stability (particularly where the antibody is an antibody fragment, such as an Fv fragment).

[0348] A particularly preferred type of substitutional variant involves substituting one or more hypervariable region residues of a parent antibody (*e.g.* a humanized or human anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody). Generally, the resulting variant(s) selected for further development will have improved biological properties relative to the parent antibody from which they are generated. A convenient way for generating such substitutional variants involves affinity maturation using phage display. Briefly, several hypervariable region sites (*e.g.*, 6-7 sites) are mutated to generate all possible amino substitutions at each site. The antibody variants thus generated are displayed in a monovalent fashion from filamentous phage particles as fusions to the gene III product of M13 packaged within each particle. The phage-displayed variants are then screened for their biological activity (*e.g.*, binding affinity) as herein disclosed. In order to identify candidate hypervariable region sites for modification, alanine scanning mutagenesis can be performed to identify hypervariable region residues contributing significantly to antigen binding. Alternatively, or additionally, it may be beneficial to analyze a crystal structure of the antigen-antibody complex to identify contact points between the antibody and the antigen (*e.g.*, a TREM2 protein of the present disclosure). Such contact residues and neighboring residues are

candidates for substitution according to the techniques elaborated herein. Once such variants are generated, the panel of variants is subjected to screening as described herein and antibodies with superior properties in one or more relevant assays may be selected for further development.

[0349] Another type of amino acid variant of the antibody alters the original glycosylation pattern of the antibody. By altering is meant deleting one or more carbohydrate moieties found in the antibody, and/or adding one or more glycosylation sites that are not present in the antibody.

[0350] Glycosylation of antibodies is typically either N-linked or O-linked. N-linked refers to the attachment of the carbohydrate moiety to the side chain of an asparagine residue. The tripeptide sequences asparagine-X-serine and asparagine-X-threonine, where X is any amino acid except proline, are the recognition sequences for enzymatic attachment of the carbohydrate moiety to the asparagine side chain. Thus, the presence of either of these tripeptide sequences in a polypeptide creates a potential glycosylation site. O-linked glycosylation refers to the attachment of one of the sugars N-acylgalactosamine, galactose, or xylose to a hydroxyamino acid, most commonly serine or threonine, although 5-hydroxyproline or 5-hydroxylysine may also be used.

[0351] Addition of glycosylation sites to the antibody is conveniently accomplished by altering the amino acid sequence such that it contains one or more of the above-described tripeptide sequences (for N-linked glycosylation sites). The alteration may also be made by the addition of, or substitution by, one or more serine or threonine residues to the sequence of the original antibody (for O-linked glycosylation sites).

[0352] Nucleic acid molecules encoding amino acid sequence variants of the anti-IgE antibody are prepared by a variety of methods known in the art. These methods include, but are not limited to, isolation from a natural source (in the case of naturally occurring amino acid sequence variants) or preparation by oligonucleotide-mediated (or site-directed) mutagenesis, PCR mutagenesis, and cassette mutagenesis of an earlier prepared variant or a non-variant version of the antibodies (*e.g.*, anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure) or antibody fragments.

(10) *Other antibody modifications*

[0353] Anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure, or antibody fragments thereof, can be further modified to contain additional non-proteinaceous moieties that are known in the art and readily available, or to contain different types of drug conjugates that are known in the art and readily available. Preferably, the moieties suitable for derivatization of the antibody are water-soluble polymers. Non-limiting examples of water-soluble polymers include, but are not limited to, polyethylene glycol (PEG), copolymers of ethylene glycol/propylene glycol, carboxymethylcellulose, dextran, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, poly-1, 3-dioxolane, poly-1,3,6-trioxane, ethylene/maleic anhydride copolymer, polyaminoacids (either homopolymers or random copolymers), and dextran or poly(n-vinyl pyrrolidone)polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol homopolymers, polypropylene oxide/ethylene oxide co-polymers, polyoxyethylated polyols (*e.g.*, glycerol), polyvinyl alcohol, and mixtures thereof. Polyethylene glycol propionaldehyde may have advantages in manufacturing due to its stability in water. The polymer may be of any molecular weight, and may be branched or unbranched. The number of polymers attached to the antibody may vary, and if more than one polymer is attached, they can be the same or different molecules. In general, the number and/or type of polymers used for derivatization can be determined based on considerations including, but not limited to, the particular properties or functions of the antibody to be improved, whether the antibody derivative will be used in a therapy under defined conditions, *etc.* Such techniques and other suitable formulations are disclosed in *Remington: The Science and Practice of Pharmacy*, 20th Ed., Alfonso Gennaro, Ed., Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science (2000).

[0354] Drug conjugation involves coupling of a biological active cytotoxic (anticancer) payload or drug to an antibody that specifically targets a certain tumor marker (*e.g.* a protein that, ideally, is only to be found in or on tumor cells). Antibodies track these proteins down in the body and attach themselves to the surface of cancer cells. The biochemical reaction between the antibody and the target protein (antigen) triggers a signal in the tumor cell, which then absorbs or internalizes the antibody together with the cytotoxin. After the ADC is internalized, the cytotoxic drug is released and kills the cancer. Due to this targeting, ideally the drug has lower side effects and gives a wider therapeutic window than other chemotherapeutic agents. Techniques to conjugate

antibodies are disclosed are known in the art (*see, e.g.*, Jane de Lartigue, OncLive July 5, 2012; ADC Review on antibody-drug conjugates; and Ducry et al., (2010). *Bioconjugate Chemistry* 21 (1): 5–13).

Binding assays and other assays

[0355] Anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure (e.g., antibody activity of anti-TREM2 antibodies) may be identified, screened for, and/or characterized for their physical/chemical properties and/or biological activities by various assays known in the art or assays described in the Examples herein, such as, for example, radiolabeled immunoassays, optical assays, protein binding assays, biochemical screening assays, immunoassays, fluorescence assays, and/or cell survival assays.

[0356] In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may be tested for antigen binding activity, *e.g.*, by known methods such as ELISA, Western blot, *etc.*

[0357] In some embodiments, competition assays may be used to identify an antibody that competes with any of the antibodies listed in **Table 1and/or Table 8**, selected from Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87, and/or human and/or humanized MAB17291 for binding to TREM2. In certain embodiments, such a competing antibody binds to the same epitope (e.g., a linear or a conformational epitope) that is bound by any of the antibodies listed in **Table 1and/or Table 8**, selected from Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62,

Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87, and/or human and/or humanized MAB17291. Detailed exemplary methods for mapping an epitope to which an antibody binds are provided in Morris (1996) "Epitope Mapping Protocols," in *Methods in Molecular Biology* vol. 66 (Humana Press, Totowa, NJ).

[0358] In an exemplary competition assay, immobilized TREM2 or cells expressing TREM2 on cell surface are incubated in a solution comprising a first labeled antibody that binds to TREM2 (*e.g.*, human or non-human primate) and a second unlabeled antibody that is being tested for its ability to compete with the first antibody for binding to TREM2. The second antibody may be present in a hybridoma supernatant. As a control, immobilized TREM2 or cells expressing TREM2 is incubated in a solution comprising the first labeled antibody but not the second unlabeled antibody. After incubation under conditions permissive for binding of the first antibody to TREM2, excess unbound antibody is removed, and the amount of label associated with immobilized TREM2 or cells expressing TREM2 is measured. If the amount of label associated with immobilized TREM2 or cells expressing TREM2 is substantially reduced in the test sample relative to the control sample, then that indicates that the second antibody is competing with the first antibody for binding to TREM2. See Harlow and Lane (1988) *Antibodies: A Laboratory Manual* ch.14 (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY).

[0359] In some embodiments, assays are provided for identifying agonist anti-TREME2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure having biological activity. Biological activity may include, *e.g.*, inducing, promoting, stimulating, or otherwise increasing one more activities of TREM2 and/or DAP12. Agonist anti-TREME2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies having such biological activity *in vivo* and/or *in vitro* are also provided.

[0360] Assays known in the art and described herein (*see, e.g.*, **Examples 23-27, 33-38, 41-44, 52-55, and 67-68**) can be used for identifying and testing biological activities of anti-TREME2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies that induce, promote, stimulate, or otherwise increase one more activities of TREM2 and/or DAP12. In some embodiments, assays for testing one or more

activities of an agonist anti-TRME2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody are provided. An exemplary test for biological activity may include, *e.g.*, treating a population of immune cells, such as an innate immune cells expressing TREM2 and/or DAP12 with an agonist anti-TRME2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody candidate for sufficient time to allow binding to, and activation of, the TREM2 and/or DAP12 protein, and measuring cell survival (or cell death) as compared to cell survival (or cell death) in a corresponding population in the absence of the antibody candidate. Methods for measuring cell survival or cell death are well known in the art and described herein. Agonist anti-TRME2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies may be identified by their ability to promote or prolong cell survival or delay cell death in a cell population relative to a control cell population, *e.g.*, a cell population that was not treated with the agonist antibody candidate. Certain aspects of the present disclosure provide methods for identifying a candidate agonist antibody that specifically binds to TREM2 and/or DAP12. In certain embodiments, the method for identifying a candidate agonist antibody that specifically binds to TREM2 and/or DAP12 comprises a. contacting an innate immune cell population expressing TREM2 and/or DAP12 on its surface with a candidate agonist antibody that specifically binds to the TREM2 and/or DAP12 for a period of time sufficient for the candidate agonist antibody to promote cell survival in the innate immune cell population; and b. comparing cell survival of the contacted innate immune cell population contacted cell with cell survival from a corresponding innate immune cell population not contacted with the candidate agonist antibody that specifically binds to the TREM2 and/or DAP12, wherein increased cell survival from the contacted innate immune cell population indicates that the candidate antibody is an agonist. Other aspects of the present disclosure provide an isolated antibody that specifically binds to TREM2 and/or DAP12 identified by any of the disclosed methods for identifying an antibody that specifically binds to TREM2 and/or DAP12.

Nucleic acids, vectors, and host cells

[0361] Anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may be produced using recombinant methods and compositions, *e.g.*, as described in U.S. Patent No. 4,816,567. In some embodiments, isolated nucleic acids having a nucleotide sequence encoding any of the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure are provided. Such nucleic acids may encode an amino acid sequence containing the VL and/or an amino acid

sequence containing the VH of the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody (*e.g.*, the light and/or heavy chains of the antibody). In some embodiments, one or more vectors (*e.g.*, expression vectors) containing such nucleic acids are provided. In some embodiments, a host cell containing such nucleic acid is also provided. In some embodiments, the host cell is an isolated host cell. As used herein, an “isolated cell” is a cell that is identified and separated from at least one contaminant cell with which it is ordinarily associated in the environment in which it was produced. In some embodiments, the isolated cell is free of association with all components associated with the production environment. The isolated cell is in a form other than in the form or setting in which it is found in nature. Isolated cells are distinguished from cells existing naturally in tissues, organs, or individuals. In some embodiments, the isolated cell is a host cell of the present disclosure. In some embodiments, the host cell contains (*e.g.*, has been transduced with): (1) a vector containing a nucleic acid that encodes an amino acid sequence containing the VL of the antibody and an amino acid sequence containing the VH of the antibody, or (2) a first vector containing a nucleic acid that encodes an amino acid sequence containing the VL of the antibody and a second vector containing a nucleic acid that encodes an amino acid sequence containing the VH of the antibody. In some embodiments, the host cell is eukaryotic, *e.g.*, a Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cell or lymphoid cell (*e.g.*, Y0, NS0, Sp20 cell). Host cells of the present disclosure also include, without limitation, isolated cells, *in vitro* cultured cells, and *ex vivo* cultured cells.

[0362] Methods of making an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure are provided. In some embodiments, the method includes culturing a host cell of the present disclosure containing a nucleic acid encoding the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody, under conditions suitable for expression of the antibody. In some embodiments, the antibody is subsequently recovered from the host cell (or host cell culture medium).

[0363] For recombinant production of an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure, a nucleic acid encoding the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody is isolated and inserted into one or more vectors for further cloning and/or expression in a host cell. Such nucleic acid may be readily isolated and sequenced using conventional procedures (*e.g.*, by

using oligonucleotide probes that are capable of binding specifically to genes encoding the heavy and light chains of the antibody).

[0364] Suitable vectors containing a nucleic acid sequence encoding any of the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure, or fragments thereof polypeptides (including antibodies) described herein include, without limitation, cloning vectors and expression vectors. Suitable cloning vectors can be constructed according to standard techniques, or may be selected from a large number of cloning vectors available in the art. While the cloning vector selected may vary according to the host cell intended to be used, useful cloning vectors generally have the ability to self-replicate, may possess a single target for a particular restriction endonuclease, and/or may carry genes for a marker that can be used in selecting clones containing the vector. Suitable examples include plasmids and bacterial viruses, *e.g.*, pUC18, pUC19, Bluescript (*e.g.*, pBS SK+) and its derivatives, mpl8, mpl9, pBR322, pMB9, ColE1, pCR1, RP4, phage DNAs, and shuttle vectors such as pSA3 and pAT28. These and many other cloning vectors are available from commercial vendors such as BioRad, Strategene, and Invitrogen.

[0365] Expression vectors generally are replicable polynucleotide constructs that contain a nucleic acid of the present disclosure. The expression vector may be replicable in the host cells either as episomes or as an integral part of the chromosomal DNA. Suitable expression vectors include but are not limited to plasmids, viral vectors, including adenoviruses, adeno-associated viruses, retroviruses, cosmids, and expression vector(s) disclosed in PCT Publication No. WO 87/04462. Vector components may generally include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: a signal sequence; an origin of replication; one or more marker genes; suitable transcriptional controlling elements (such as promoters, enhancers and terminator). For expression (*i.e.*, translation), one or more translational controlling elements are also usually required, such as ribosome binding sites, translation initiation sites, and stop codons.

[0366] The vectors containing the nucleic acids of interest can be introduced into the host cell by any of a number of appropriate means, including electroporation, transfection employing calcium chloride, rubidium chloride, calcium phosphate, DEAE-dextran, or other substances;

microprojectile bombardment; lipofection; and infection (*e.g.*, where the vector is an infectious agent such as vaccinia virus). The choice of introducing vectors or polynucleotides will often depend on features of the host cell. In some embodiments, the vector contains a nucleic acid containing one or more amino acid sequences encoding an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure.

[0367] Suitable host cells for cloning or expression of antibody-encoding vectors include prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells. For example, anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may be produced in bacteria, in particular when glycosylation and Fc effector function are not needed. For expression of antibody fragments and polypeptides in bacteria (*e.g.*, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,648,237, 5,789,199, and 5,840,523; and Charlton, *Methods in Molecular Biology*, Vol. 248 (B.K.C. Lo, ed., Humana Press, Totowa, NJ, 2003), pp. 245-254, describing expression of antibody fragments in *E. coli*). After expression, the antibody may be isolated from the bacterial cell paste in a soluble fraction and can be further purified.

[0368] In addition to prokaryotes, eukaryotic microorganisms, such as filamentous fungi or yeast, are also suitable cloning or expression hosts for antibody-encoding vectors, including fungi and yeast strains whose glycosylation pathways have been “humanized,” resulting in the production of an antibody with a partially or fully human glycosylation pattern (*e.g.*, Gerngross, *Nat. Biotech.* 22:1409-1414 (2004); and Li et al., *Nat. Biotech.* 24:210-215 (2006)).

[0369] Suitable host cells for the expression of glycosylated antibody can also be derived from multicellular organisms (invertebrates and vertebrates). Examples of invertebrate cells include plant and insect cells. Numerous baculoviral strains have been identified which may be used in conjunction with insect cells, particularly for transfection of *Spodoptera frugiperda* cells. Plant cell cultures can also be utilized as hosts (*e.g.*, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,959,177, 6,040,498, 6,420,548, 7,125,978, and 6,417,429, describing PLANTIBODIES™ technology for producing antibodies in transgenic plants.).

[0370] Vertebrate cells may also be used as hosts. For example, mammalian cell lines that are adapted to grow in suspension may be useful. Other examples of useful mammalian host cell lines are monkey kidney CV1 line transformed by SV40 (COS-7); human embryonic kidney line

(293 or 293 cells as described, *e.g.*, in Graham et al., *J. Gen Virol.* 36:59 (1977)); baby hamster kidney cells (BHK); mouse sertoli cells (TM4 cells as described, *e.g.*, in Mather, *Biol. Reprod.* 23:243-251 (1980)); monkey kidney cells (CV1); African green monkey kidney cells (VERO-76); human cervical carcinoma cells (HELA); canine kidney cells (MDCK; buffalo rat liver cells (BRL 3A); human lung cells (W138); human liver cells (Hep G2); mouse mammary tumor (MMT 060562); TRI cells, as described, *e.g.*, in Mather et al., *Annals N.Y. Acad. Sci.* 383:44-68 (1982); MRC 5 cells; and FS4 cells. Other useful mammalian host cell lines include Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells, including DHFR- CHO cells (Urlaub et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 77:4216 (1980)); and myeloma cell lines such as Y0, NS0 and Sp2/0. For a review of certain mammalian host cell lines suitable for antibody production, see, *e.g.*, Yazaki and Wu, *Methods in Molecular Biology*, Vol. 248 (B.K.C. Lo, ed., Humana Press, Totowa, NJ), pp. 255-268 (2003).

Pharmaceutical compositions

[0371] Anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure can be incorporated into a variety of formulations for therapeutic administration by combining the antibodies with appropriate pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or diluents, and may be formulated into preparations in solid, semi-solid, liquid or gaseous forms. Examples of such formulations include, without limitation, tablets, capsules, powders, granules, ointments, solutions, suppositories, injections, inhalants, gels, microspheres, and aerosols. Pharmaceutical compositions can include, depending on the formulation desired, pharmaceutically-acceptable, non-toxic carriers or diluents, which are vehicles commonly used to formulate pharmaceutical compositions for animal or human administration. The diluent is selected so as not to affect the biological activity of the combination. Examples of such diluents include, without limitation, distilled water, buffered water, physiological saline, PBS, Ringer's solution, dextrose solution, and Hank's solution. A pharmaceutical composition or formulation of the present disclosure can further include other carriers, adjuvants, or non-toxic, nontherapeutic, nonimmunogenic stabilizers, excipients and the like. The compositions can also include additional substances to approximate physiological conditions, such as pH adjusting and buffering agents, toxicity adjusting agents, wetting agents and detergents.

[0372] A pharmaceutical composition of the present disclosure can also include any of a variety of stabilizing agents, such as an antioxidant for example. When the pharmaceutical composition includes a polypeptide, the polypeptide can be complexed with various well-known compounds that enhance the *in vivo* stability of the polypeptide, or otherwise enhance its pharmacological properties (*e.g.*, increase the half-life of the polypeptide, reduce its toxicity, and enhance solubility or uptake). Examples of such modifications or complexing agents include, without limitation, sulfate, gluconate, citrate and phosphate. The polypeptides of a composition can also be complexed with molecules that enhance their *in vivo* attributes. Such molecules include, without limitation, carbohydrates, polyamines, amino acids, other peptides, ions (*e.g.*, sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, manganese), and lipids.

[0373] Further examples of formulations that are suitable for various types of administration can be found in Remington's *Pharmaceutical Sciences*, Mace Publishing Company, Philadelphia, PA, 17th ed. (1985). For a brief review of methods for drug delivery, see, Langer, *Science* 249:1527-1533 (1990).

[0374] For oral administration, the active ingredient can be administered in solid dosage forms, such as capsules, tablets, and powders, or in liquid dosage forms, such as elixirs, syrups, and suspensions. The active component(s) can be encapsulated in gelatin capsules together with inactive ingredients and powdered carriers, such as glucose, lactose, sucrose, mannitol, starch, cellulose or cellulose derivatives, magnesium stearate, stearic acid, sodium saccharin, talcum, magnesium carbonate. Examples of additional inactive ingredients that may be added to provide desirable color, taste, stability, buffering capacity, dispersion or other known desirable features are red iron oxide, silica gel, sodium lauryl sulfate, titanium dioxide, and edible white ink. Similar diluents can be used to make compressed tablets. Both tablets and capsules can be manufactured as sustained release products to provide for continuous release of medication over a period of hours. Compressed tablets can be sugar coated or film coated to mask any unpleasant taste and protect the tablet from the atmosphere, or enteric-coated for selective disintegration in the gastrointestinal tract. Liquid dosage forms for oral administration can contain coloring and flavoring to increase patient acceptance.

[0375] Formulations suitable for parenteral administration include aqueous and non-aqueous, isotonic sterile injection solutions, which can contain antioxidants, buffers, bacteriostats, and solutes that render the formulation isotonic with the blood of the intended recipient, and aqueous and non-aqueous sterile suspensions that can include suspending agents, solubilizers, thickening agents, stabilizers, and preservatives.

[0376] The components used to formulate the pharmaceutical compositions are preferably of high purity and are substantially free of potentially harmful contaminants (*e.g.*, at least National Food (NF) grade, generally at least analytical grade, and more typically at least pharmaceutical grade). Moreover, compositions intended for *in vivo* use are usually sterile. To the extent that a given compound must be synthesized prior to use, the resulting product is typically substantially free of any potentially toxic agents, particularly any endotoxins, which may be present during the synthesis or purification process. Compositions for parental administration are also sterile, substantially isotonic and made under GMP conditions.

[0377] Formulations may be optimized for retention and stabilization in the brain or central nervous system. When the agent is administered into the cranial compartment, it is desirable for the agent to be retained in the compartment, and not to diffuse or otherwise cross the blood brain barrier. Stabilization techniques include cross-linking, multimerizing, or linking to groups such as polyethylene glycol, polyacrylamide, neutral protein carriers, *etc.* in order to achieve an increase in molecular weight.

[0378] Other strategies for increasing retention include the entrapment of the antibody, such as an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure, in a biodegradable or bioerodible implant. The rate of release of the therapeutically active agent is controlled by the rate of transport through the polymeric matrix, and the biodegradation of the implant. The transport of drug through the polymer barrier will also be affected by compound solubility, polymer hydrophilicity, extent of polymer cross-linking, expansion of the polymer upon water absorption so as to make the polymer barrier more permeable to the drug, geometry of the implant, and the like. The implants are of dimensions commensurate with the size and shape of the region selected as the site of implantation. Implants may be particles, sheets, patches,

plaques, fibers, microcapsules and the like and may be of any size or shape compatible with the selected site of insertion.

[0379] The implants may be monolithic, *i.e.* having the active agent homogeneously distributed through the polymeric matrix, or encapsulated, where a reservoir of active agent is encapsulated by the polymeric matrix. The selection of the polymeric composition to be employed will vary with the site of administration, the desired period of treatment, patient tolerance, the nature of the disease to be treated and the like. Characteristics of the polymers will include biodegradability at the site of implantation, compatibility with the agent of interest, ease of encapsulation, a half-life in the physiological environment.

[0380] Biodegradable polymeric compositions that may be employed include, without limitation, organic esters or ethers, which when degraded result in physiologically acceptable degradation products, including the monomers. Anhydrides, amides, orthoesters or the like, by themselves or in combination with other monomers, may find use. The polymers will be condensation polymers. The polymers may be cross-linked or non-cross-linked. Of particular interest are polymers of hydroxyaliphatic carboxylic acids, either homo- or copolymers, and polysaccharides. Included among the polyesters of interest are polymers of D-lactic acid, L-lactic acid, racemic lactic acid, glycolic acid, polycaprolactone, and combinations thereof. By employing the L-lactate or D-lactate, a slowly biodegrading polymer is achieved, while degradation is substantially enhanced with the racemate. Copolymers of glycolic and lactic acid are of particular interest, where the rate of biodegradation is controlled by the ratio of glycolic to lactic acid. The most rapidly degraded copolymer has roughly equal amounts of glycolic and lactic acid, where either homopolymer is more resistant to degradation. The ratio of glycolic acid to lactic acid will also affect the brittleness of in the implant, where a more flexible implant is desirable for larger geometries. Among the polysaccharides of interest are calcium alginate, and functionalized celluloses, particularly carboxymethylcellulose esters characterized by being water insoluble, a molecular weight of about 5 kD to 500 kD, *etc.* Biodegradable hydrogels may also be employed in the implants of the subject invention. Hydrogels are typically a copolymer material, characterized by the ability to imbibe a liquid. Exemplary biodegradable hydrogels

which may be employed are described in Heller in: *Hydrogels in Medicine and Pharmacy*, N. A. Peppes ed., Vol. III, CRC Press, Boca Raton, Fla., 1987, pp 137-149.

Pharmaceutical dosages

[0381] Pharmaceutical compositions of the present disclosure containing an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure may be administered to an individual in need of treatment with the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody, preferably a human, in accord with known methods, such as intravenous administration as a bolus or by continuous infusion over a period of time, by intramuscular, intraperitoneal, intracerebrospinal, intracranial, intraspinal, subcutaneous, intra-articular, intrasynovial, intrathecal, oral, topical, or inhalation routes.

[0382] Dosages and desired drug concentration of pharmaceutical compositions of the present disclosure may vary depending on the particular use envisioned. The determination of the appropriate dosage or route of administration is well within the skill of an ordinary artisan. Animal experiments provide reliable guidance for the determination of effective doses for human therapy. Interspecies scaling of effective doses can be performed following the principles described in Mordenti, J. and Chappell, W. "The Use of Interspecies Scaling in Toxicokinetics," In *Toxicokinetics and New Drug Development*, Yacobi et al., Eds, Pergamon Press, New York 1989, pp.42-46.

[0383] For *in vivo* administration of any of the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure, normal dosage amounts may vary from about 10 ng/kg up to about 100 mg/kg of an individual's body weight or more per day, preferably about 1 mg/kg/day to 10 mg/kg/day, depending upon the route of administration. For repeated administrations over several days or longer, depending on the severity of the disease, disorder, or condition to be treated, the treatment is sustained until a desired suppression of symptoms is achieved.

[0384] An exemplary dosing regimen may include administering an initial dose of an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody, of about 2 mg/kg, followed by a weekly maintenance dose of about 1 mg/kg every other week. Other dosage regimens may be useful, depending on the pattern of pharmacokinetic decay that the physician wishes to achieve. For example, dosing an

individual from one to twenty-one times a week is contemplated herein. In certain embodiments, dosing ranging from about 3 µg/kg to about 2 mg/kg (such as about 3 µg/kg, about 10 µg/kg, about 30 µg/kg, about 100 µg/kg, about 300 µg/kg, about 1 mg/kg, and about 2/mg/kg) may be used. In certain embodiments, dosing frequency is three times per day, twice per day, once per day, once every other day, once weekly, once every two weeks, once every four weeks, once every five weeks, once every six weeks, once every seven weeks, once every eight weeks, once every nine weeks, once every ten weeks, or once monthly, once every two months, once every three months, or longer. Progress of the therapy is easily monitored by conventional techniques and assays. The dosing regimen, including the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody administered, can vary over time independently of the dose used.

[0385] Dosages for a particular anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody may be determined empirically in individuals who have been given one or more administrations of the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody. Individuals are given incremental doses of an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody. To assess efficacy of an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody, a clinical symptom of any of the diseases, disorders, or conditions of the present disclosure (*e.g.*, dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, and multiple sclerosis) can be monitored.

[0386] Administration of an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure can be continuous or intermittent, depending, for example, on the recipient's physiological condition, whether the purpose of the administration is therapeutic or prophylactic, and other factors known to skilled practitioners. The administration of an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody may be essentially continuous over a preselected period of time or may be in a series of spaced doses.

[0387] Guidance regarding particular dosages and methods of delivery is provided in the literature; see, for example, U.S. Patent Nos. 4,657,760; 5,206,344; or 5,225,212. It is within the scope of the invention that different formulations will be effective for different treatments and different disorders, and that administration intended to treat a specific organ or tissue may necessitate delivery in a manner different from that to another organ or tissue. Moreover,

dosages may be administered by one or more separate administrations, or by continuous infusion. For repeated administrations over several days or longer, depending on the condition, the treatment is sustained until a desired suppression of disease symptoms occurs. However, other dosage regimens may be useful. The progress of this therapy is easily monitored by conventional techniques and assays.

Therapeutic uses

[0388] Further aspects of the present disclosure provide methods for modulating (e.g., activating or inhibiting) TREM2, modulating (e.g., activating or inhibiting) DAP12, modulating (e.g., activating or inhibiting) PI3K, modulating (e.g., increasing or reducing) expression of one or more anti-inflammatory mediators (e.g., IL-12p70, IL-6, and IL-10), or modulating (e.g., increasing or reducing) expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators (e.g., L-1 β and TNF) in an individual in need thereof, by administering to the individual a therapeutically effective amount of an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure to modulate (e.g., induce or inhibit) one or more TREM2 and/or DAP12 activities in the individual.

[0389] As disclosed herein, anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may be used for preventing, reducing risk, or treating dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, mixed dementia, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, normal pressure hydrocephalus, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Taupathy disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, stroke, acute trauma, chronic trauma, lupus, acute and chronic colitis, wound healing, Crohn's disease, inflammatory bowel disease, ulcerative colitis, obesity, Malaria, essential tremor, central nervous system lupus, Behcet's disease, Parkinson's disease, dementia with Lewy bodies, multiple system atrophy, Shy-Drager syndrome, progressive supranuclear palsy, cortical basal ganglionic degeneration, acute disseminated encephalomyelitis, granulomatous disorders, Sarcoidosis, diseases of aging, seizures, spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, age related macular degeneration, glaucoma, retinitis pigmentosa, retinal degeneration, respiratory tract infection, sepsis, eye infection, systemic infection, lupus, arthritis, multiple sclerosis, low bone density, osteoporosis, osteogenesis, osteopetrotic disease, Paget's disease of bone, and/or, cancer (e.g., bladder cancer breast cancer, colon and rectal cancer,

endometrial cancer, kidney cancer, renal cell cancer, renal pelvis cancer, leukemia, lung cancer, melanoma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, ovarian cancer, fibrosarcoma, and thyroid cancer). In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies are agonist antibodies. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies are inert antibodies. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies are antagonist antibodies.

[0390] In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides methods of preventing, reducing risk, or treating an individual having dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, mixed dementia, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, normal pressure hydrocephalus, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Taupathy disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, stroke, acute trauma, chronic trauma, lupus, acute and chronic colitis, wound healing, Crohn's disease, inflammatory bowel disease, ulcerative colitis, obesity, Malaria, essential tremor, central nervous system lupus, Behcet's disease, Parkinson's disease, dementia with Lewy bodies, multiple system atrophy, Shy-Drager syndrome, progressive supranuclear palsy, cortical basal ganglionic degeneration, acute disseminated encephalomyelitis, granulomatous disorders, Sarcoidosis, diseases of aging, seizures, spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, age related macular degeneration, glaucoma, retinitis pigmentosa, retinal degeneration, respiratory tract infection, sepsis, eye infection, systemic infection, lupus, arthritis, multiple sclerosis, low bone density, osteoporosis, osteogenesis, osteopetrotic disease, Paget's disease of bone, and cancer, by administering to the individual a therapeutically effective amount of an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure to modulate (e.g., induce or inhibit) one or more TREM2 activities, including without limitation, DAP12 phosphorylation, PI3K activation, expression of one or more anti-inflammatory mediators (*e.g.*, IL-12p70, IL-6, and IL-10), or expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators (*e.g.*, L-1 β and TNF). In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody is an agonist antibody. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody is an inert antibody. In some embodiments, the anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody is an antagonist antibody. In certain embodiments, the individual has a heterozygous TREM2 variant allele having a glutamic acid to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino

acid residue 14 of the human TREM2 protein (SEQ ID NO: 1). In certain embodiments, the individual has a heterozygous TREM2 variant allele having a glutamine to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue 33 of the human TREM2 protein (SEQ ID NO: 1). In certain embodiments, the individual has a heterozygous TREM2 variant allele having a tryptophan to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue 44 of the human TREM2 protein (SEQ ID NO: 1). In certain embodiments, the individual has a heterozygous TREM2 variant allele having an arginine to histidine amino acid substitution at amino acid residue 47 of the human TREM2 protein (SEQ ID NO: 1). In certain embodiments, the individual has a heterozygous TREM2 variant allele having a tryptophan to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue 78 of the human TREM2 protein (SEQ ID NO: 1). In certain embodiments, the individual has a heterozygous TREM2 variant allele having a valine to glycine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue 126 of the human TREM2 protein (SEQ ID NO: 1). In certain embodiments, the individual has a heterozygous TREM2 variant allele having an aspartic acid to glycine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue 134 of the human TREM2 protein (SEQ ID NO: 1). In certain embodiments, the individual has a heterozygous TREM2 variant allele having a lysine to asparagine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue 186 of the human TREM2 protein (SEQ ID NO: 1).

[0391] In some embodiments, the individual has a heterozygous TREM2 variant allele having a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G313 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 1; a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G267 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 1; a threonine to methionine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Thr66 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and/or a serine to cysteine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Ser116 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

[0392] In some embodiments, the individual has a heterozygous DAP12 variant allele having a methionine to threonine substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Met1 of SEQ ID NO: 2, a glycine to arginine amino acid substitution at an amino acid

corresponding to amino acid residue Gly49 of SEQ ID NO: 2, a deletion within exons 1-4 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2, an insertion of 14 amino acid residues at exon 3 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2, and/or a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G141 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2.

[0393] As disclosed herein, anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may also be used for inducing and/or promoting innate immune cell survival. In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides methods of inducing or promoting innate immune cell survival in an individual in need thereof, by administering to the individual a therapeutically effective amount of an agonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure.

[0394] As disclosed herein, anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may also be used for inducing and/or promoting wound healing, such as after injury. In some embodiments, the wound healing may be colonic wound repair following injury. In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides methods of inducing or promoting wound healing in an individual in need thereof, by administering to the individual a therapeutically effective amount of an agonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure.

[0395] As disclosed herein, anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may also be used for inhibiting innate immune cell survival. In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides methods of inhibiting innate immune cell survival in an individual in need thereof, by administering to the individual a therapeutically effective amount of an antagonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure.

[0396] In some embodiments, the methods of the present disclosure may involve the coadministration of anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies, or bispecific antibodies that bind to both TREM2 and DAP12, with TLR antagonists or with agents neutralizing TLR agonist (*e.g.*, neutralizing cytokine or interleukin antibodies).

[0397] In some embodiments, the methods of the present disclosure may involve the administration of chimeric constructs, including an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure in conjunction with a TREM2 ligand, such as HSP60.

Dementia

[0398] Dementia is a non-specific syndrome (*i.e.*, a set of signs and symptoms) that presents as a serious loss of global cognitive ability in a previously unimpaired person, beyond what might be expected from normal ageing. Dementia may be static as the result of a unique global brain injury. Alternatively, dementia may be progressive, resulting in long-term decline due to damage or disease in the body. While dementia is much more common in the geriatric population, it can also occur before the age of 65. Cognitive areas affected by dementia include, without limitation, memory, attention span, language, and problem solving. Generally, symptoms must be present for at least six months to before an individual is diagnosed with dementia.

[0399] Exemplary forms of dementia include, without limitation, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, semantic dementia, and dementia with Lewy bodies.

[0400] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that administering an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure can prevent, reduce the risk, and/or treat dementia. In some embodiments, administering an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody may induce one or more TREM2 and/or DAP12 activities in an individual having dementia (*e.g.*, DAP12 phosphorylation, PI3K activation, increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory mediators, or reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators).

Frontotemporal dementia

[0401] Frontotemporal dementia (FTD) is a condition resulting from the progressive deterioration of the frontal lobe of the brain. Over time, the degeneration may advance to the temporal lobe. Second only to Alzheimer's disease (AD) in prevalence, FTD accounts for 20% of pre-senile dementia cases. The clinical features of FTD include memory deficits, behavioral abnormalities, personality changes, and language impairments (Cruts, M. & Van Broeckhoven,

C., Trends Genet. 24:186-194 (2008); Neary, D., et al., Neurology 51:1546-1554 (1998); Ratnavalli, E., Brayne, C., Dawson, K. & Hodges, J. R., Neurology 58:1615-1621 (2002)).

[0402] A substantial portion of FTD cases are inherited in an autosomal dominant fashion, but even in one family, symptoms can span a spectrum from FTD with behavioral disturbances, to Primary Progressive Aphasia, to Cortico-Basal Ganglionic Degeneration. FTD, like most neurodegenerative diseases, can be characterized by the pathological presence of specific protein aggregates in the diseased brain. Historically, the first descriptions of FTD recognized the presence of intraneuronal accumulations of hyperphosphorylated Tau protein in neurofibrillary tangles or Pick bodies. A causal role for the microtubule associated protein Tau was supported by the identification of mutations in the gene encoding the Tau protein in several families (Hutton, M., et al., Nature 393:702-705 (1998). However, the majority of FTD brains show no accumulation of hyperphosphorylated Tau but do exhibit immunoreactivity to ubiquitin (Ub) and TAR DNA binding protein (TDP43) (Neumann, M., et al., Arch. Neurol. 64:1388-1394 (2007)). A majority of those FTD cases with Ub inclusions (FTD-U) were shown to carry mutations in the progranulin gene.

[0403] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that administering an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure can prevent, reduce the risk, and/or treat FTD. In some embodiments, administering an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody may induce one or more TREM2 and/or DAP12 activities in an individual having FTD (*e.g.*, DAP12 phosphorylation, PI3K activation, increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory mediators, or reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators).

Alzheimer's disease

[0404] Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the most common form of dementia. There is no cure for the disease, which worsens as it progresses, and eventually leads to death. Most often, AD is diagnosed in people over 65 years of age. However, the less-prevalent early-onset Alzheimer's can occur much earlier.

[0405] Common symptoms of Alzheimer's disease include, behavioral symptoms, such as difficulty in remembering recent events; cognitive symptoms, confusion, irritability and

aggression, mood swings, trouble with language, and long-term memory loss. As the disease progresses bodily functions are lost, ultimately leading to death. Alzheimer's disease develops for an unknown and variable amount of time before becoming fully apparent, and it can progress undiagnosed for years.

[0406] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that administering an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure can prevent, reduce the risk, and/or treat Alzheimer's disease. In some embodiments, administering an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody may induce one or more TREM2 and/or DAP12 activities in an individual having Alzheimer's disease (*e.g.*, DAP12 phosphorylation, PI3K activation, increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory mediators, or reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators).

Nasu-Hakola disease

[0407] Nasu-Hakola disease (NHD), which may alternatively be referred to as polycystic lipomembranous osteodysplasia with sclerosing leukoencephalopathy (PLOS), is a rare inherited leukodystrophy characterized by progressive presenile dementia associated with recurrent bone fractures due to polycystic osseous lesions of the lower and upper extremities. NHD disease course is generally divided into four stages: latent, osseous, early neurologic, and late neurologic. After a normal development during childhood (latent stage), NHD starts manifesting during adolescence or young adulthood (typical age of onset 20-30 years) with pain in the hands, wrists, ankles, and feet. Patients then start suffering from recurrent bone fractures due to polycystic osseous and osteoporotic lesions in the limb bones (osseous stage). During the third or fourth decade of life (early neurologic stage), patients present with pronounced personality changes (*e.g.*, euphoria, lack of concentration, loss of judgment, and social inhibitions) characteristic of a frontal lobe syndrome. Patients also typically suffer from progressive memory disturbances. Epileptic seizures are also frequently observed. Finally (late neurologic stage), patients progress to a profound dementia, are unable to speak and move, and usually die by the age of 50.

[0408] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that administering an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure can prevent, reduce the risk, and/or treat Nasu-Hakola disease (NHD). In some embodiments, administering an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody may induce one or more TREM2 and/or DAP12 activities in an individual having NHD (*e.g.*, DAP12 phosphorylation, PI3K activation, increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory mediators, or reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators).

Parkinson's disease

[0409] Parkinson's disease, which may be referred to as idiopathic or primary parkinsonism, hypokinetic rigid syndrome (HRS), or paralysis agitans, is a neurodegenerative brain disorder that affects motor system control. The progressive death of dopamine-producing cells in the brain leads to the major symptoms of Parkinson's. Most often, Parkinson's disease is diagnosed in people over 50 years of age. Parkinson's disease is idiopathic (having no known cause) in most people. However, genetic factors also play a role in the disease.

[0410] Symptoms of Parkinson's disease include, without limitation, tremors of the hands, arms, legs, jaw, and face, muscle rigidity in the limbs and trunk, slowness of movement (bradykinesia), postural instability, difficulty walking, neuropsychiatric problems, changes in speech or behavior, depression, anxiety, pain, psychosis, dementia, hallucinations, and sleep problems.

[0411] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that administering an anti-TREM2 antibody of the present disclosure can prevent, reduce the risk, and/or treat Parkinson's disease. In some embodiments, administering an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody may induce one or more TREM2 and/or DAP12 activities in an individual having Parkinson's disease (*e.g.*, DAP12 phosphorylation, PI3K activation, increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory mediators, or reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators).

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

[0412] As used herein, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) or, motor neuron disease or, Lou Gehrig's disease are used interchangeably and refer to a debilitating disease with varied etiology

characterized by rapidly progressive weakness, muscle atrophy and fasciculations, muscle spasticity, difficulty speaking (dysarthria), difficulty swallowing (dysphagia), and difficulty breathing (dyspnea).

[0413] It has been shown that progranulin play a role in ALS (Schymick, JC et al., (2007) J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry.;78:754-6) and protects against the damage caused by ALS causing proteins such as TDP-43 (Laird, AS et al., (2010). PLoS ONE 5: e13368). It was also demonstrated that pro-NGF induces p75 mediated death of oligodendrocytes and corticospinal neurons following spinal cord injury (Beatty et al., Neuron (2002),36, pp. 375-386; Giehl et al, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci USA (2004), 101, pp 6226-30).

[0414] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that administering an anti-TREM2 antibody of the present disclosure can prevent, reduce the risk, and/or treat ALS. In some embodiments, administering an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody may induce one or more TREM2 and/or DAP12 activities in an individual having ALS (*e.g.*, DAP12 phosphorylation, PI3K activation, increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory mediators, or reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators).

Huntington's disease

[0415] Huntington's disease (HD) is an inherited neurodegenerative disease caused by an autosomal dominant mutation in the Huntingtin gene (HTT). Expansion of a cytokine-adenine-guanine (CAG) triplet repeat within the Huntingtin gene results in production of a mutant form of the Huntingtin protein (Htt) encoded by the gene. This mutant Huntingtin protein (mHtt) is toxic and contributes to neuronal death. Symptoms of Huntington's disease most commonly appear between the ages of 35 and 44, although they can appear at any age.

[0416] Symptoms of Huntington's disease, include, without limitation, motor control problems, jerky, random movements (chorea), abnormal eye movements, impaired balance, seizures, difficulty chewing, difficulty swallowing, cognitive problems, altered speech, memory deficits, thinking difficulties, insomnia, fatigue, dementia, changes in personality, depression, anxiety, and compulsive behavior.

[0417] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that administering an anti-TREM2 antibody of the present disclosure can prevent, reduce the risk, and/or treat Huntington's disease (HD). In some embodiments, administering an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody may induce one or more TREM2 and/or DAP12 activities in an individual having HD (*e.g.*, DAP12 phosphorylation, PI3K activation, increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory mediators, or reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators).

Taupathy disease

[0418] Taupathy diseases, or Tauopathies, are a class of neurodegenerative disease caused by aggregation of the microtubule-associated protein tau within the brain. Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the most well-known Taupathy disease, and involves an accumulation of tau protein within neurons in the form of insoluble neurofibrillary tangles (NFTs). Other Taupathy diseases and disorders include progressive supranuclear palsy, dementia pugilistica (chronic traumatic encephalopathy), Frontotemporal dementia and parkinsonism linked to chromosome 17, Lytico-Bodig disease (Parkinson-dementia complex of Guam), Tangle-predominant dementia, Ganglioglioma and gangliocytoma, Meningioangiomas, Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis, lead encephalopathy, tuberous sclerosis, Hallervorden-Spatz disease, lipofuscinosis, Pick's disease, corticobasal degeneration, Argyrophilic grain disease (AGD), Huntington's disease, frontotemporal dementia, and frontotemporal lobar degeneration.

[0419] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that administering an anti-TREM2 antibody of the present disclosure can prevent, reduce the risk, and/or treat Taupathy disease. In some embodiments, administering an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody may induce one or more TREM2 and/or DAP12 activities in an individual having Taupathy disease (*e.g.*, DAP12 phosphorylation, PI3K activation, increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory mediators, or reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators).

Multiple sclerosis

[0420] Multiple sclerosis (MS) can also be referred to as disseminated sclerosis or encephalomyelitis disseminata. MS is an inflammatory disease in which the fatty myelin sheaths around the axons of the brain and spinal cord are damaged, leading to demyelination and scarring

as well as a broad spectrum of signs and symptoms. MS affects the ability of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord to communicate with each other effectively. Nerve cells communicate by sending electrical signals called action potentials down long fibers called axons, which are contained within an insulating substance called myelin. In MS, the body's own immune system attacks and damages the myelin. When myelin is lost, the axons can no longer effectively conduct signals. MS onset usually occurs in young adults, and is more common in women.

[0421] Symptoms of MS include, without limitation, changes in sensation, such as loss of sensitivity or tingling; pricking or numbness, such as hypoesthesia and paresthesia; muscle weakness; clonus; muscle spasms; difficulty in moving; difficulties with coordination and balance, such as ataxia; problems in speech, such as dysarthria, or in swallowing, such as dysphagia; visual problems, such as nystagmus, optic neuritis including phosphenes, and diplopia; fatigue; acute or chronic pain; and bladder and bowel difficulties; cognitive impairment of varying degrees; emotional symptoms of depression or unstable mood; Uhthoff's phenomenon, which is an exacerbation of extant symptoms due to an exposure to higher than usual ambient temperatures; and Lhermitte's sign, which is an electrical sensation that runs down the back when bending the neck.

[0422] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that administering an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure can prevent, reduce the risk, and/or treat multiple sclerosis. In some embodiments, administering an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody may induce one or more TREM2 and/or DAP12 activities in an individual having multiple sclerosis (*e.g.*, DAP12 phosphorylation, PI3K activation, increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory mediators, and reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators).

Cancer

[0423] Yet further aspects of the present disclosure provide methods for preventing, reducing risk, or treating an individual having cancer, comprising administering to the individual a therapeutically effective amount of an isolated anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure. Any of the isolated antibodies of the present disclosure may be used in these

methods. In some embodiments, the isolated antibody is an agonist antibody of the present disclosure. In other embodiments, the isolated antibody is an antagonist antibody of the present disclosure.

[0424] As described above, the tumor microenvironment is known to contain a heterogeneous immune infiltrate, which includes T lymphocytes, macrophages and cells of myeloid/granulocytic lineage. In particular, the presence of M2-macrophages in tumors is associated with poor prognosis. Therapies that reduce the number of these cells in the tumor, such as CSF1R blocking agents, are showing beneficial effects in preclinical models and early stage clinical studies. It has been shown that TREM2 synergizes with CSF1 to promote survival of macrophages *in vitro*, and that this effect is particularly prominent in M2-type macrophages, compared to other types of phagocytic cells. A seminal preclinical study has also shown synergies between drugs that target tumor-associated macrophages (*e.g.*, CSF1/CSF1R blocking antibodies) and checkpoint blocking antibodies that target T cells, indicating that manipulating both cell types shows efficacy in tumor models where individual therapies are poorly effective (Zhu Y; Cancer Res. 2014 Sep 15; 74(18):5057-69). Therefore, without wishing to be bound by theory, it is thought that blocking TREM2 signaling in tumor associated macrophages may inhibit suppression of the immune response in the tumor microenvironment, resulting in a therapeutic anti-tumor immune response.

[0425] Due to the synergies between TREM2 and CSF1, and between targeting tumor-associated macrophages and targeting T cells, in some embodiments, the methods for preventing, reducing risk, or treating an individual having cancer further include administering to the individual at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory checkpoint molecule. Examples of antibodies that specifically bind to an inhibitory checkpoint molecule include, without limitation, an anti-PD-L1 antibody, an anti-CTLA4 antibody, an anti-PD-L2 antibody, an anti-PD-1 antibody, an anti-B7-H3 antibody, an anti-B7-H4 antibody, and anti-HVEM antibody, an anti-BTLA antibody, an anti-GAL9 antibody, an anti-TIM3 antibody, an anti-A2AR antibody, an anti-LAG-3 antibody, an anti-phosphatidylserine antibody, and any combination thereof. In some embodiments, the at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory checkpoint

molecule is administered in combination with an antagonist anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure.

[0426] In some embodiments, a cancer to be prevented or treated by the methods of the present disclosure includes, but is not limited to, squamous cell cancer (e.g., epithelial squamous cell cancer), lung cancer including small-cell lung cancer, non-small cell lung cancer, adenocarcinoma of the lung and squamous carcinoma of the lung, cancer of the peritoneum, hepatocellular cancer, gastric or stomach cancer including gastrointestinal cancer and gastrointestinal stromal cancer, pancreatic cancer, glioblastoma, cervical cancer, ovarian cancer, liver cancer, bladder cancer, cancer of the urinary tract, hepatoma, breast cancer, colon cancer, rectal cancer, colorectal cancer, endometrial or uterine carcinoma, salivary gland carcinoma, kidney or renal cancer, prostate cancer, vulval cancer, thyroid cancer, hepatic carcinoma, anal carcinoma, penile carcinoma, melanoma, superficial spreading melanoma, lentigo maligna melanoma, acral lentiginous melanomas, nodular melanomas, multiple myeloma and B-cell lymphoma; chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL); acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL); hairy cell leukemia; chronic myeloblastic leukemia; and post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder (PTLD), as well as abnormal vascular proliferation associated with phakomatoses, edema (such as that associated with brain tumors), Meigs' syndrome, brain, as well as head and neck cancer, and associated metastases. In some embodiments, the cancer is colorectal cancer. In some embodiments, the cancer is selected from non-small cell lung cancer, glioblastoma, neuroblastoma, renal cell carcinoma, bladder cancer, ovarian cancer, melanoma, breast carcinoma, gastric cancer, and hepatocellular carcinoma. In some embodiments, the cancer is triple-negative breast carcinoma. In some embodiments, the cancer may be an early stage cancer or a late stage cancer. In some embodiments, the cancer may be a primary tumor. In some embodiments, the cancer may be a metastatic tumor at a second site derived from any of the above types of cancer.

[0427] In some embodiments, anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibodies of the present disclosure may be used for preventing, reducing risk, or treating cancer, including, without limitation, bladder cancer breast cancer, colon and rectal cancer, endometrial cancer, kidney

cancer, renal cell cancer, renal pelvis cancer, leukemia, lung cancer, melanoma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, ovarian cancer, fibrosarcoma, and thyroid cancer.

[0428] In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides methods of preventing, reducing risk, or treating an individual having cancer, by administering to the individual a therapeutically effective amount of an anti-TREM2 and/or anti-DAP12 antibody of the present disclosure.

[0429] In some embodiments, the method further includes administering to the individual at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory checkpoint molecule, and/or another standard or investigational anti-cancer therapy. In some embodiments, the at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory checkpoint molecule is administered in combination with the isolated antibody. In some embodiments, the at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory checkpoint molecule is selected from an anti-PD-L1 antibody, an anti-CTLA4 antibody, an anti-PD-L2 antibody, an anti-PD-1 antibody, an anti-B7-H3 antibody, an anti-B7-H4 antibody, and anti-HVEM antibody, an anti- B- and T-lymphocyte attenuator (BTLA) antibody, an anti- Killer inhibitory receptor (KIR) antibody, an anti-GAL9 antibody, an anti-TIM3 antibody, an anti-A2AR antibody, an anti-LAG-3 antibody, an anti-phosphatidylserine antibody, an anti-CD27 antibody, and any combination thereof. In some embodiments, the standard or investigational anti-cancer therapy is one or more therapies selected from radiotherapy, cytotoxic chemotherapy, targeted therapy, imatinib (Gleevec®), trastuzumab (Herceptin®), adoptive cell transfer (ACT), chimeric antigen receptor T cell transfer (CAR-T), vaccine therapy, and cytokine therapy.

[0430] In some embodiments, the method further includes administering to the individual at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory cytokine. In some embodiments, the at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory cytokine is administered in combination with the isolated antibody. In some embodiments, the at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory cytokine is selected from an anti-CCL2 antibody, an anti-CSF-1 antibody, an anti-IL-2 antibody, and any combination thereof.

[0431] In some embodiments, the method further includes administering to the individual at least one agonistic antibody that specifically binds to a stimulatory checkpoint protein. In some embodiments, the at least one agonistic antibody that specifically binds to a stimulatory checkpoint protein is administered in combination with the isolated antibody. In some embodiments, the at least one agonistic antibody that specifically binds to a stimulatory checkpoint protein is selected from an agonist anti-CD40 antibody, an agonist anti-OX40 antibody, an agonist anti-ICOS antibody, an agonist anti-CD28 antibody, an agonist anti-CD137/4-1BB antibody, an agonist anti-CD27 antibody, an agonist anti- glucocorticoid-induced TNFR-related protein GITR antibody, and any combination thereof.

[0432] In some embodiments, the method further includes administering to the individual at least one stimulatory cytokine. In some embodiments, the at least one stimulatory cytokine is administered in combination with the isolated antibody. In some embodiments, the at least one stimulatory cytokine is selected from TNF- α , IL-10, IL-6, IL-8, CRP, TGF-beta members of the chemokine protein families, IL20 family member, IL-33, LIF, OSM, CNTF, TGF-beta, IL-11, IL-12, IL-17, IL-8, CRP, IFN- α , IFN- β , IL-2, IL-18, GM-CSF, G-CSF, and any combination thereof.

Kits/Articles of Manufacture

[0433] The present disclosure also provides kits containing an isolated antibody of the present disclosure (*e.g.*, an anti-TREM2 or anti-DAP12 antibody described herein), or a functional fragment thereof. Kits of the present disclosure may include one or more containers comprising a purified antibody of the present disclosure. In some embodiments, the kits further include instructions for use in accordance with the methods of this disclosure. In some embodiments, these instructions comprise a description of administration of the isolated antibody of the present disclosure (*e.g.*, an anti-TREM2 or anti-DAP12 antibody described herein) to prevent, reduce risk, or treat an individual having a disease, disorder, or injury selected from dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, and multiple sclerosis, according to any methods of this disclosure.

[0434] In some embodiments, the instructions comprise a description of how to detect TREM2 and/or DAP12, for example in an individual, in a tissue sample, or in a cell. The kit

may further comprise a description of selecting an individual suitable for treatment based on identifying whether that individual has the disease and the stage of the disease.

[0435] In some embodiments, the kits may further include another antibody of the present disclosure (*e.g.*, at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory checkpoint molecule, at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory cytokine, and/or at least one agonistic antibody that specifically binds to a stimulatory check point protein) and/or at least one stimulatory cytokine. In some embodiments, the kits may further include instructions for using the antibody and/or stimulatory cytokine in combination with an isolated antibody of the present disclosure (*e.g.*, an anti-TREM2 antagonist antibody described herein), instructions for using the isolated antibody of the present disclosure in combination with an antibody and/or stimulatory cytokine, or instructions for using an isolated antibody of the present disclosure and an antibody and/or stimulatory cytokine, according to any methods of this disclosure.

[0436] The instructions generally include information as to dosage, dosing schedule, and route of administration for the intended treatment. The containers may be unit doses, bulk packages (*e.g.*, multi-dose packages) or sub-unit doses. Instructions supplied in the kits of the present disclosure are typically written instructions on a label or package insert (*e.g.*, a paper sheet included in the kit), but machine-readable instructions (*e.g.*, instructions carried on a magnetic or optical storage disk) are also acceptable.

[0437] The label or package insert indicates that the composition is used for treating, *e.g.*, a disease of the present disclosure. Instructions may be provided for practicing any of the methods described herein.

[0438] The kits of this disclosure are in suitable packaging. Suitable packaging includes, but is not limited to, vials, bottles, jars, flexible packaging (*e.g.*, sealed Mylar or plastic bags), and the like. Also contemplated are packages for use in combination with a specific device, such as an inhaler, nasal administration device (*e.g.*, an atomizer) or an infusion device such as a minipump. A kit may have a sterile access port (for example the container may be an intravenous solution bag or a vial having a stopper pierceable by a hypodermic injection needle). The container may also have a sterile access port (*e.g.*, the container may be an intravenous

solution bag or a vial having a stopper pierceable by a hypodermic injection needle). At least one active agent in the composition is an isolated antibody of the present disclosure (*e.g.*, an anti-TREM2 or anti-DAP12 antibody described herein). The container may further comprise a second pharmaceutically active agent.

[0439] Kits may optionally provide additional components such as buffers and interpretive information. Normally, the kit comprises a container and a label or package insert(s) on or associated with the container.

Diagnostic uses

[0440] The isolated antibodies of the present disclosure (*e.g.*, an anti-TREM2 or anti-DAP12 antibody described herein) also have diagnostic utility. This disclosure therefore provides for methods of using the antibodies of this disclosure, or functional fragments thereof, for diagnostic purposes, such as the detection of TREM2 and/or DAP12 in an individual or in tissue samples derived from an individual.

[0441] In some embodiments, the individual is a human. In some embodiments, the individual is a human patient suffering from, or at risk for developing dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, Parkinson's disease, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Taupathy disease, multiple sclerosis, or cancer. In some embodiments, the diagnostic methods involve detecting TREM2 and/or DAP12 in a biological sample, such as a biopsy specimen, a tissue, or a cell. An isolated antibody of the present disclosure (*e.g.*, an anti-TREM2 or anti-DAP12 antibody described herein) is contacted with the biological sample and antigen-bound antibody is detected. For example, a tissue sample (*e.g.*, a biopsy specimen) may be stained with an anti-TREM2 or anti-DAP12 antibody described herein in order to detect and/or quantify disease-associated macrophages (*e.g.*, M2-type macrophages). The detection method may involve quantification of the antigen-bound antibody. Antibody detection in biological samples may occur with any method known in the art, including immunofluorescence microscopy, immunocytochemistry, immunohistochemistry, ELISA, FACS analysis, immunoprecipitation, or micro-positron emission tomography. In certain embodiments, the antibody is radiolabeled, for example with ^{18}F and subsequently detected utilizing micro-

positron emission tomography analysis. Antibody-binding may also be quantified in a patient by non-invasive techniques such as positron emission tomography (PET), X-ray computed tomography, single-photon emission computed tomography (SPECT), computed tomography (CT), and computed axial tomography (CAT).

[0442] In other embodiments, an isolated antibody of the present disclosure (*e.g.*, an anti-TREM2 or anti-DAP12 antibody described herein) may be used to detect and/or quantify, for example, microglia in a brain specimen taken from a preclinical disease model (*e.g.*, a non-human disease model). As such, an isolated antibody of the present disclosure (*e.g.*, an anti-TREM2 or anti-DAP12 antibody described herein) may be useful in evaluating therapeutic response after treatment in a model for a nervous system disease or injury such as dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, or multiple sclerosis, as compared to a control.

ENUMERATED EMBODIMENTS

[0443] The following enumerated embodiments are representative of some aspects of the invention.

1. An isolated agonist antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein, a DAP12 protein, or both, wherein the antibody induces one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both.
2. The isolated antibody of embodiment 1, wherein the TREM2 protein, the DAP12 protein, or both is a mammalian protein or a human protein.
3. The isolated antibody of embodiment 2, wherein the TREM2 protein, the DAP12 protein, or both is a wild-type protein.
4. The isolated antibody of embodiment 2, wherein the TREM2 protein, the DAP12 protein, or both is a naturally occurring variant.
5. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-4, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise TREM2 binding to DAP12.

6. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-4, wherein the one or more DAP12 activities comprise DAP12 binding to TREM2.
7. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-6, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise DAP12 phosphorylation.
8. The isolated antibody of embodiment 7, wherein DAP12 phosphorylation is induced by one or more SRC family tyrosine kinases.
9. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-8, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise PI3K activation.
10. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-9, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory mediators selected from the group consisting of IL-12p70, IL-6, and IL-10.
11. The isolated antibody of embodiment 10, wherein the increased expression of the one or more anti-inflammatory mediators occurs in one or more cells selected from the group consisting of macrophages, dendritic cells, and microglial cells.
12. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-11, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators selected from the group consisting of IFN- α 4, IFN- β , IL-6, IL-12 p70, IL-1 β and TNF.
13. The isolated antibody of embodiment 12, wherein the reduced expression of the one or more pro-inflammatory mediators occurs in one or more cells selected from the group consisting of macrophages, dendritic cells, and microglial cells.
14. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-13, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK) phosphorylation.
15. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-14, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise increased expression of C-C chemokine receptor 7 (CCR7).

16. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-15, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise induction of microglial cell chemotaxis toward CCL19 and CCL21 expressing cells.
17. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-16, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise a reduction, normalization, or both of the ability of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells to induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation.
18. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-17, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise induction of osteoclast production, increased rate of osteoclastogenesis, or both.
19. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-18, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise of increasing the survival of macrophages, microglial cells, or both.
20. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-19, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise increasing the function of macrophages, microglial cells, or both.
21. The isolated antibody of any one of any one of embodiments 1-20, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise induction of one or more types of clearance without inflammation selected from the group consisting of apoptotic neuron clearance without inflammation, nerve tissue debris clearance without inflammation, non- nerve tissue debris clearance without inflammation, bacteria or other foreign body clearance without inflammation, and disease-causing protein clearance without inflammation.
22. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-21, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise induction of phagocytosis without inflammation of one or more of apoptotic neurons, nerve tissue debris, non-nerve tissue debris, bacteria, other foreign bodies, or disease-causing proteins without inflammation.

23. The isolated antibody of embodiment 21 or embodiment 22, wherein the disease-causing protein is selected from the group consisting of A beta peptide, alpha synuclain protein, Tau protein, TDP-43 protein, prion protein, and huntingtin protein.
24. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-23, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise normalization of disrupted TREM2/DAP12-dependent gene expression.
25. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-24, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise recruitment of Syk, ZAP70, or both to DAP12.
26. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-25, wherein the isolated agonist antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein binds to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of:
- i. amino acid residues 29-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 29-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
 - ii. amino acid residues 29-41 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 29-41 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
 - iii. amino acid residues 40-44 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 40-44 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
 - iv. amino acid residues 47-69 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 47-69 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
 - v. amino acid residues 67-76 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 67-76 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
 - vi. amino acid residues 76-86 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 76-86 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
 - vii. amino acid residues 91-100 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 91-100 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
 - viii. amino acid residues 99-115 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 99-115 of SEQ ID NO: 1;

- ix. amino acid residues 104-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 104-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and
 - x. amino acid residues 114-118 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 114-118 of SEQ ID NO: 1.
27. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-25, wherein the isolated agonist antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein binds to an epitope comprising one or more amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of:
- i. amino acid residue Arg47 or Asp87 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
 - ii. amino acid residues 40-44 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
 - iii. amino acid residues 67-76 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and
 - iv. amino acid residues 114-118 of SEQ ID NO: 1.
28. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-25, wherein the isolated agonist antibody that binds to a DAP12 protein binds to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 22-40 of SEQ ID NO: 2, or amino acid residues on a DAP12 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 22-40 of SEQ ID NO: 2.
29. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-25, wherein the isolated agonist antibody is a bispecific antibody that binds to one or more amino acids selected from the group consisting of:
- i. one or more amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO: 1; and
 - ii. one or more amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO: 2, or amino acid residues on a DAP12 protein corresponding to amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO: 2.
30. The isolated antibody of any of the preceding embodiments, wherein the antibody is a human antibody, a humanized antibody, a bispecific antibody, a multivalent antibody, or a chimeric antibody.
31. The isolated antibody of any of the preceding embodiments, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

32. The isolated antibody of any of the preceding embodiments, wherein the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, human DAP12, and naturally occurring variant of human DAP12.
33. The isolated antibody of embodiment 32, wherein the fragment is an Fab, Fab', Fab'-SH, F(ab')₂, Fv or scFv fragment.
34. An isolated nucleic acid encoding the antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments.
35. A vector comprising the nucleic acid of embodiment 34.
36. A host cell comprising the vector of embodiment 35.
37. A method of producing an antibody, comprising culturing the host cells of embodiment 36 so that the antibody is produced.
38. The method of embodiment 37, further comprising recovering the antibody produced by the host cell.
39. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody of any one of embodiments 1-33, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
40. A method of preventing, reducing risk, or treating an individual having a disease, disorder, or injury selected from the group consisting of dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, and multiple sclerosis, comprising administering to the individual a therapeutically effective amount of the isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-33.
41. The method of embodiment 40, wherein the individual has a heterozygous variant of TREM2, wherein the variant comprises one or more substitutions selected from the group consisting of:
- i. a glutamic acid to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Glu14 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
 - ii. a glutamine to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Gln33 of SEQ ID NO: 1;

- iii. a tryptophan to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Trp44 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
 - iv. an arginine to histidine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Arg47 of SEQ ID NO: 1
 - v. a tryptophan to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Trp78 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
 - vi. a valine to glycine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Val126 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
 - vii. an aspartic acid to glycine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Asp134 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and
 - viii. a lysine to asparagine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Lys186 of SEQ ID NO: 1.
42. The method of embodiment 40, wherein the individual has a heterozygous variant of TREM2, wherein the variant comprises a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G313 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 1; a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G267 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 1; or both.
43. The method of embodiment 40, wherein the individual has a heterozygous variant of DAP12, wherein the variant comprises one or more variants selected from the group consisting of:
- i. a methionine to threonine substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Met1 of SEQ ID NO: 2;
 - ii. a glycine to argenine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Gly49 of SEQ ID NO: 2;
 - iii. a deletion within exons 1-4 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2;
 - iv. an insertion of 14 amino acid residues at exon 3 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2; and
 - v. a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G141 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2.

44. An isolated agonist antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein, a DAP12 protein, or both, wherein the antibody induces one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both.
45. The isolated antibody of embodiment 44, wherein the TREM2 protein, the DAP12 protein, or both is a mammalian protein or a human protein.
46. The isolated antibody of embodiment 45, wherein the TREM2 protein, the DAP12 protein, or both is a wild-type protein.
47. The isolated antibody of embodiment 45, wherein the TREM2 protein, the DAP12 protein, or both is a naturally occurring variant.
48. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-47, wherein the isolated antibody induces or retains TREM2 clustering, DAP12 clustering, or both on a cell surface.
49. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-48, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise TREM2 binding to DAP12.
50. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-48, wherein the one or more DAP12 activities comprise DAP12 binding to TREM2.
51. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-50, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise DAP12 phosphorylation, TREM2 phosphorylation, or both.
52. The isolated antibody of embodiment 51, wherein DAP12 phosphorylation, TREM2 phosphorylation, or both is induced by one or more SRC family tyrosine kinases.
53. The isolated antibody of embodiment 52, wherein the one or more SRC family tyrosine kinases comprise a Syk kinase.
54. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-53, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise PI3K activation.
55. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-54, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory cytokines.

56. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-54, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory mediators selected from the group consisting of IL-12p70, IL-6, and IL-10.

57. The isolated antibody of embodiment 55 or embodiment 56, wherein the increased expression occurs in one or more cells selected from the group consisting of macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, and microglial cells.

58. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-57, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory cytokines.

59. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-57, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators selected from the group consisting of IFN- α 4, IFN- β , IL-6, IL-12 p70, IL-1 β TNF, TNF- α , IL-10, IL-8, CRP, TGF- β members of the chemokine protein families, IL-20 family members, IL-33, LIF, IFN- γ , OSM, CNTF, TGF- β , GM-CSF, IL-11, IL-12, IL-17, IL-18, and CRP.

60. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-58, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise reduced expression of TNF- α , IL-6, or both.

61. The isolated antibody of embodiment 58 or embodiment 60, wherein the reduced expression of the one or more pro-inflammatory mediators occurs in one or more cells selected from the group consisting of macrophages, dendritic cells, dendritic cells, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, and microglial cells.

62. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-60, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK) phosphorylation.

63. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-62, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise increased expression of C-C chemokine receptor 7 (CCR7).

64. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-63, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise induction of microglial cell chemotaxis toward CCL19 and CCL21 expressing cells.

65. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-64, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise an enhancement, normalization, or both of the ability of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells to induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation.

66. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-65, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise induction of osteoclast production, increased rate of osteoclastogenesis, or both.

67. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-66, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise increasing the survival of macrophages, microglial cells, dendritic cells, macrophages, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and/or Kupffer cells.

68. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-67, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise increasing the function of macrophages, microglial cells, dendritic cells, macrophages, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and/or Kupffer cells.

69. The isolated antibody of embodiment 67 or embodiment 68, wherein the macrophages and/or microglial cells are M1 macrophages and/or microglial cells, M2 macrophages and/or microglial cells, or both.

70. The isolated antibody of embodiment 69, wherein the M1 macrophages and/or microglial cells are activated M1 macrophages and/or microglial cells.

71. The isolated antibody of any one of any one of embodiments 44-68, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise induction of one or more types of

clearance selected from the group consisting of apoptotic neuron clearance, nerve tissue debris clearance, non-nerve tissue debris clearance, bacteria or other foreign body clearance, disease-causing protein clearance, disease-causing peptide clearance, and disease-causing nucleic acid clearance.

72. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-71, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise induction of phagocytosis of one or more of apoptotic neurons, nerve tissue debris, non-nerve tissue debris, bacteria, other foreign bodies, disease-causing proteins, disease-causing peptides, or disease-causing nucleic acids.

73. The isolated antibody of embodiment 71 or embodiment 72, wherein the disease-causing protein is selected from the group consisting of amyloid beta, Tau, IAPP, alpha-synuclein, TDP-43, prion protein, PrPSc, huntingtin, calcitonin, superoxide dismutase, ataxin, Lewy body, atrial natriuretic factor, islet amyloid polypeptide, insulin, apolipoprotein AI, serum amyloid A, medin, prolactin, transthyretin, lysozyme, beta 2 microglobulin, gelsolin, keratoepithelin, cystatin, immunoglobulin light chain AL, S-IBM protein, Repeat-associated non-ATG (RAN) translation products, DiPeptide repeat (DPR) peptides, glycine-alanine (GA) repeat peptides, glycine-proline (GP) repeat peptides, glycine-arginine (GR) repeat peptides, proline-alanine (PA) repeat peptides, and proline-arginine (PR) repeat peptides.

74. The isolated antibody of embodiment 71 or embodiment 72, wherein the disease-causing nucleic acid is antisense GGCCCC (G2C4) repeat-expansion RNA.

75. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-74, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise normalization of disrupted TREM2/DAP12-dependent gene expression.

76. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-75, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise recruitment of Syk, ZAP70, or both to a DAP12/TREM2 complex.

77. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-76, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise Syk phosphorylation.

78. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-77, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise increased expression of CD83 and/or CD86 on dendritic cells.

79. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-78, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise reduced secretion of one or more inflammatory cytokines.

80. The isolated antibody of embodiment 79, wherein the one or more inflammatory cytokines are selected from the group consisting of TNF- α , IL-10, IL-6, MCP-1, IFN- α 4, IFN- β , IL-1 β , IL-8, CRP, TGF- β members of the chemokine protein families, IL-20 family members, IL-33, LIF, IFN- γ , OSM, CNTF, TGF- β , GM-CSF, IL-11, IL-12, IL-17, and IL-18.

81. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-79, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise reduced expression of one or more inflammatory receptors.

82. The isolated antibody of embodiment 81, wherein the one or more inflammatory receptors comprise CD86.

83. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-82, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise increasing phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglia under conditions of reduced levels of MCSF.

84. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-82, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise decreasing phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglia in the presence of normal levels of MCSF.

85. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-84, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise increasing activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes.

86. The isolated antibody of embodiment 85, wherein the one or more TREM2-dependent genes comprise one or more nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) transcription factors.

87. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-86, wherein the antibody is of the IgG class the IgM class, or the IgA class.
88. The isolated antibody of embodiment 87, wherein the antibody is of the IgG class and has an IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, or IgG4 isotype.
89. The isolated antibody of embodiment 87, wherein the antibody has an IgG2 isotype.
90. The isolated antibody of embodiment 89, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG2 constant region.
91. The isolated antibody of embodiment 90, wherein the human IgG2 constant region comprises an Fc region.
92. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 89-91, wherein the antibody induces the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both independently of binding to an Fc receptor.
93. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 89-91, wherein the antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor.
94. The isolated antibody of embodiment 93, wherein the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-gamma receptor IIB (FcγIIB).
95. The isolated antibody of embodiment 93 or embodiment 94, wherein the human IgG2 constant region comprises an Fc region that comprises one or more modifications.
96. The isolated antibody of embodiment 95, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.
97. The isolated antibody of embodiment 96, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of V234A, G237A, H268Q, V309L, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, S267E, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

98. The isolated antibody of embodiment 90, wherein the human IgG2 constant region comprises a light chain constant region comprising a C214S amino acid substitution, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.
99. The isolated antibody of embodiment 87, wherein the antibody has an IgG1 isotype.
100. The isolated antibody of embodiment 99, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG1 constant region.
101. The isolated antibody of embodiment 100, wherein the human IgG1 constant region comprises an Fc region.
102. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 99-101, wherein the antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor.
103. The isolated antibody of embodiment 102, wherein the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-gamma receptor IIB (Fc γ RIIB).
104. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 101-103, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.
105. The isolated antibody of embodiment 104, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.
106. The isolated antibody of embodiment 105, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of N297A, D265A, L234A, L235A, G237A, C226S, C229S, E233P, L234V, L234F, L235E, P331S, S267E, L328F, A330L, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.
107. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 101-103, wherein the antibody comprises an IgG2 isotype heavy chain constant domain 1(CH1) and hinge region.
108. The isolated antibody of embodiment 107, wherein the IgG2 isotype CH1 and hinge region comprise the amino acid sequence of ASTKGPSVFP LAPCSRSTSE STAALGCLVK DYFPEPVTVS WNSGALTSGVHTFPAVLQSS GLYSLSSVVT VPSSNFGTQT YTCNVDHKPS NTKVDKTVERKCCVECPCP (SEQ ID NO: 397).

109. The isolated antibody of embodiment 107 or embodiment 108, wherein the antibody Fc region comprises a S267E amino acid substitution, a L328F amino acid substitution, or both, and/or a N297A or N297Q amino acid substitution, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

110. The isolated antibody of embodiment 99, wherein the antibody comprises a mouse IgG1 constant region.

111. The isolated antibody of embodiment 87, wherein the antibody has an IgG4 isotype.

112. The isolated antibody of embodiment 111, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG4 constant region.

113. The isolated antibody of embodiment 112, wherein the human IgG4 constant region comprises an Fc region.

114. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 111-113, wherein the antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor.

115. The isolated antibody of embodiment 114, wherein the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-gamma receptor IIB (FcγIIB).

116. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 113-115, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.

117. The isolated antibody of embodiment 116, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.

118. The isolated antibody of embodiment 117, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of L235A, G237A, S228P, L236E, S267E, E318A, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

119. The isolated antibody of embodiment 87, wherein the antibody has a hybrid IgG2/4 isotype.

120. The isolated antibody of embodiment 119, wherein the antibody comprises an amino acid sequence comprising amino acids 118 to 260 of human IgG2 and amino acids 261 to 447 of human IgG4, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

121. The isolated antibody of embodiment 111, wherein the antibody comprises a mouse IgG4 constant region.

122. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-121, wherein the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, human DAP12, and naturally occurring variant of human DAP12, and wherein the antibody fragment is cross-linked to a second antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, human DAP12, and naturally occurring variant of human DAP12.

123. The isolated antibody of embodiment 122, wherein the fragment is an Fab, Fab', Fab'-SH, F(ab')₂, Fv or scFv fragment.

124. An isolated inert antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein, a DAP12 protein, or both.

125. An isolated antagonist antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein, a DAP12 protein, or both.

126. The isolated antibody of embodiment 124 or embodiment 125, wherein the TREM2 protein, the DAP12 protein, or both is a mammalian protein or a human protein.

127. The isolated antibody of embodiment 126, wherein the TREM2 protein, the DAP12 protein, or both is a wild-type protein.

128. The isolated antibody of embodiment 126, wherein the TREM2 protein, the DAP12 protein, or both is a naturally occurring variant.

129. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 125-128, wherein the isolated antibody inhibits one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both.

130. The isolated antibody of embodiment 129, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise decreasing activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes.

131. The isolated antibody of embodiment 130, wherein the one or more TREM2-dependent genes comprise one or more nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) transcription factors.
132. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 129-131, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both comprise decreasing the survival of macrophages, microglial cells, M1 macrophages, M1 microglial cells, M2 macrophages, M2 microglial cells, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, and/or dendritic cells.
133. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 125-132, wherein the isolated antibody inhibits interaction between TREM2 and one or more TREM2 ligands, inhibits TREM2 signal transduction, or both.
134. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 124-133, wherein the antibody is incapable of binding an Fc-gamma receptor (Fc γ R).
135. The isolated antibody of embodiment 134, wherein the antibody has an IgG1 isotype.
136. The isolated antibody of embodiment 135, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG1 constant region.
137. The isolated antibody of embodiment 136, wherein the human IgG1 constant region comprises an Fc region.
138. The isolated antibody of embodiment 137, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.
139. The isolated antibody of embodiment 138, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.
140. The isolated antibody of embodiment 139, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of N297A, N297Q, D265A, L234A, L235A, C226S, C229S, P238S, E233P, L234V, P238A, A327Q, A327G, P329A, K322A, L234F, L235E, P331S, T394D, A330L, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

141. The isolated antibody of embodiment 140, wherein the Fc region further comprises an amino acid deletion at a position corresponding to glycine 236 according to EU numbering.
142. The isolated antibody of embodiment 135, wherein the antibody comprises a mouse IgG1 constant region.
143. The isolated antibody of embodiment 134, wherein the antibody has an IgG2 isotype.
144. The isolated antibody of embodiment 143, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG2 constant region.
145. The isolated antibody of embodiment 144, wherein the human IgG2 constant region comprises an Fc region.
146. The isolated antibody of embodiment 145, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.
147. The isolated antibody of embodiment 146, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.
148. The isolated antibody of embodiment 147, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of V234A, G237A, H268E, V309L, N297A, N297Q, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.
149. The isolated antibody of embodiment 134, wherein the antibody has an IgG4 isotype.
150. The isolated antibody of embodiment 149, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG4 constant region.
151. The isolated antibody of embodiment 150, wherein the human IgG4 constant region comprises an Fc region.
152. The isolated antibody of embodiment 151, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.

153. The isolated antibody of embodiment 152, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.

154. The isolated antibody of embodiment 153, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of E233P, F234V, L235A, G237A, E318A, S228P, L236E, S241P, L248E, T394D, M252Y, S254T, T256E, N297A, N297Q, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

155. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 124-154, wherein the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, human DAP12, and naturally occurring variant of human DAP12.

156. The isolated antibody of embodiment 155, wherein the fragment is an Fab, Fab', Fab'-SH, F(ab')₂, Fv or scFv fragment.

157. The isolated antibody of embodiment 106, embodiment 140, or embodiment 141, wherein the Fc region further comprises one or more additional amino acid substitutions at a position selected from the group consisting of A330L, L234F, L235E, P331S, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

158. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 95-157, wherein the Fc region further comprises one or more additional amino acid substitutions at a position selected from the group consisting of M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

159. The isolated antibody of embodiment 118 or embodiment 154, wherein the Fc region further comprises a S228P amino acid substitution according to EU numbering.

160. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-159, wherein the isolated antibody competes for binding of TREM2 with one or more TREM2 ligands.

161. The isolated antibody of embodiment 160, wherein the one or more TREM2 ligands are selected from the group consisting of *E. coli* cells, apoptotic cells, nucleic acids, anionic lipids,

zwitterionic lipids, negatively charged phospholipids, phosphatidylserine, sulfatides, phosphatidylcholin, sphingomyelin, membrane phospholipids, lipidated proteins, proteolipids, lipidated peptides, and lipidated amyloid beta peptide.

162. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-161, wherein the isolated antibody is a human antibody, a humanized antibody, a bispecific antibody, a multivalent antibody, or a chimeric antibody.

163. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-162, wherein the isolated antibody is a bispecific antibody recognizing a first antigen and a second antigen.

164. The isolated antibody of embodiment 163, wherein the first antigen is human TREM2 or a naturally occurring variant thereof, or human DAP12 or a naturally occurring variant thereof, and the second antigen is a disease-causing protein selected from the group consisting of amyloid beta or fragments thereof, Tau, IAPP, alpha-synuclein, TDP-43, FUS protein, prion protein, PrPSc, huntingtin, calcitonin, superoxide dismutase, ataxin, Lewy body, atrial natriuretic factor, islet amyloid polypeptide, insulin, apolipoprotein AI, serum amyloid A, medin, prolactin, transthyretin, lysozyme, beta 2 microglobulin, gelsolin, keratoepithelin, cystatin, immunoglobulin light chain AL, S-IBM protein, Repeat-associated non-ATG (RAN) translation products, DiPeptide repeat (DPR) peptides, glycine-alanine (GA) repeat peptides, glycine-proline (GP) repeat peptides, glycine-arginine (GR) repeat peptides, proline-alanine (PA) repeat peptides, and proline-arginine (PR) repeat peptides; or a blood brain barrier targeting protein selected from the group consisting of: transferin receptor, insulin receptor, insulin like growth factor receptor, LRP-1, and LRP1.

165. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-161, wherein the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, human DAP12, and naturally occurring variant of human DAP12; and wherein the antibody is used in combination with one or more antibodies that specifically bind a disease-causing protein selected from the group consisting of: amyloid beta or fragments thereof, Tau, IAPP, alpha-synuclein, TDP-43, FUS protein, prion protein, PrPSc, huntingtin, calcitonin, superoxide dismutase, ataxin,

Lewy body, atrial natriuretic factor, islet amyloid polypeptide, insulin, apolipoprotein AI, serum amyloid A, medin, prolactin, transthyretin, lysozyme, beta 2 microglobulin, gelsolin, keratoepithelin, cystatin, immunoglobulin light chain AL, S-IBM protein, Repeat-associated non-ATG (RAN) translation products, DiPeptide repeat (DPR) peptides, glycine-alanine (GA) repeat peptides, glycine-proline (GP) repeat peptides, glycine-arginine (GR) repeat peptides, proline-alanine (PA) repeat peptides, and proline-arginine (PR) repeat peptides, and any combination thereof.

166. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-165, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

167. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-166, wherein the isolated antibody binds to a TREM2 protein, and wherein the isolated antibody binds to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of:

- i. amino acid residues 29-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 29-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- ii. amino acid residues 29-41 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 29-41 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- iii. amino acid residues 40-44 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 40-44 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- iv. amino acid residues 47-69 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 47-69 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- v. amino acid residues 67-76 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 67-76 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- vi. amino acid residues 76-86 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 76-86 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- vii. amino acid residues 91-100 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 91-100 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- viii. amino acid residues 99-115 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 99-115 of SEQ ID NO: 1;

- ix. amino acid residues 104-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 104-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and
- x. amino acid residues 114-118 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 114-118 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

168. The isolated antibody of embodiment 167, wherein the isolated antibody binds to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

169. The isolated antibody of embodiment 167, wherein the isolated antibody binds to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 49-57 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 49-57 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

170. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-167, wherein the isolated antibody binds to an epitope comprising one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

171. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-167, wherein the isolated antibody binds to an epitope comprising one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

172. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-167, wherein the isolated antibody binds to an epitope comprising one or more amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of:

- i. amino acid residue Arg47 or Asp87 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- ii. amino acid residues 40-44 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- iii. amino acid residues 67-76 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and
- iv. amino acid residues 114-118 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

173. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-167, wherein the isolated antibody binds to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 22-40 of SEQ ID NO: 2, or amino acid residues on a DAP12 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 22-40 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

174. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-167, wherein the isolated antibody is a bispecific antibody that binds to one or more amino acids selected from the group consisting of:

- i. one or more amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO: 1; and
- ii. one or more amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO: 2, or amino acid residues on a DAP12 protein corresponding to amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO: 2.

175. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-174, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and/or HVR-H3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab52; and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and/or HVR-L3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab52.

176. The isolated antibody of embodiment 175, wherein the HVR-H1 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:398.

177. The isolated antibody of embodiment 175 or embodiment 176, wherein the HVR-H2 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:399.

178. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 175-177, wherein the HVR-H3 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:400.

179. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 175-178, wherein the HVR-L1 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:401.

180. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 175-179, wherein the HVR-L2 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:402.

181. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 175-180, wherein the HVR-L3 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:403.

182. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-174, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises

- (a) an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:398, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:398;
- (b) an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:399, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:399; and
- (c) an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:400, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:400; and/or

wherein the light chain variable domain comprises:

- (a) an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:401, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:401;
- (b) an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:402, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:402; and
- (c) an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:403, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:403.

183. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-174, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and/or HVR-H3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab21; and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and/or HVR-L3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab21.

184. The isolated antibody of embodiment 183, wherein the HVR-H1 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:404.

185. The isolated antibody of embodiment 183 or 184, wherein the HVR-H2 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:405.

186. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 183-185, wherein the HVR-H3 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:406.

187. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 183-186, wherein the HVR-L1 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:407.

188. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 183-187, wherein the HVR-L2 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:408.

189. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 183-188, wherein the HVR-L3 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:409.

190. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-174, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises

- (a) an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:404, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:404;
- (b) an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:405, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:405; and
- (c) an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:406, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:406; and/or

wherein the light chain variable domain comprises:

- (a) an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:407, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:407;
- (b) an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:408, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:408; and

- (c) an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:409, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:409.

191. An isolated anti-human TREM2 antibody, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and/or HVR-H3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab52; and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and/or HVR-L3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab52.

192. The isolated antibody of embodiment 191, wherein the HVR-H1 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:398.

193. The isolated antibody of embodiment 191 or embodiment 192, wherein the HVR-H2 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:399.

194. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 191-193, wherein the HVR-H3 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:400.

195. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 191-194, wherein the HVR-L1 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:401.

196. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 191-195, wherein the HVR-L2 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:402.

197. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 191-196, wherein the HVR-L3 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:403.

198. The isolated antibody of embodiment 191, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:398, an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:399, and an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:400, and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:401, an HVR-L2

comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:402, and an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:403.

199. An isolated anti-human TREM2 antibody, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises

- (a) an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:398, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:398;
- (b) an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:399, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:399; and
- (c) an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:400, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:400; and/or

wherein the light chain variable domain comprises:

- (a) an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:401, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:401;
- (b) an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:402, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:402; and
- (c) an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:403, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:403.

200. An isolated anti-human TREM2 antibody, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and/or HVR-H3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab21; and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and/or HVR-L3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab21.

201. The isolated antibody of embodiment 200, wherein the HVR-H1 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:404.
202. The isolated antibody of embodiment 200 or embodiment 201, wherein the HVR-H2 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:405.
203. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 200-202, wherein the HVR-H3 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:406.
204. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 200-203, wherein the HVR-L1 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:407.
205. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 200-204, wherein the HVR-L2 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:408.
206. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 200-205, wherein the HVR-L3 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:409.
207. The isolated antibody of embodiment 200, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:404, an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:405, and an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:406, and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:407, an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:408, and an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:409.
208. An isolated anti-human TREM2 antibody, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises
- (a) an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:404, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:404;

- (b) an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:405, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:405; and
- (c) an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:406, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:406; and/or

wherein the light chain variable domain comprises:

- (a) an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:407, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:407;
- (b) an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:408, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:408; and
- (c) an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:409, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:409.

209. An isolated anti-human TREM2 antibody which binds essentially the same TREM2 epitope as the antibody Ab52.

210. An isolated anti-human TREM2 antibody which binds essentially the same TREM2 epitope as the antibody Ab21.

211. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 191-210, wherein the antibody is an agonist antibody, and wherein the antibody induces one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both.

212. The isolated antibody of embodiment 211, wherein the isolated antibody induces or retains TREM2 clustering, DAP12 clustering, or both on a cell surface.

213. The isolated antibody of embodiment 211 or embodiment 212, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both are selected from the group consisting of TREM2 binding to DAP12; DAP12 binding to TREM2; TREM2 phosphorylation, DAP12

phosphorylation; PI3K activation; increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory mediators; reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators; reduced expression of TNF- α , IL-6, or both; extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK) phosphorylation; increased expression of C-C chemokine receptor 7 (CCR7); induction of microglial cell chemotaxis toward CCL19 and CCL21 expressing cells; an increase, normalization, or both of the ability of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells to induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation; induction of osteoclast production, increased rate of osteoclastogenesis, or both; increasing the survival and/or function of one or more of dendritic cells, macrophages, microglial cells, M1 macrophages and/or microglial cells, activated M1 macrophages and/or microglial cells, M2 macrophages and/or microglial cells, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, and Kupffer cells; induction of one or more types of clearance selected from the group consisting of apoptotic neuron clearance, nerve tissue debris clearance, non-nerve tissue debris clearance, bacteria or other foreign body clearance, disease-causing protein clearance, disease-causing peptide clearance, and disease-causing nucleic acid clearance; induction of phagocytosis of one or more of apoptotic neurons, nerve tissue debris, non-nerve tissue debris, bacteria, other foreign bodies, disease-causing proteins, disease-causing peptides, or disease-causing nucleic acids; normalization of disrupted TREM2/DAP12-dependent gene expression; recruitment of Syk, ZAP70, or both to the TREM2/DAP12 complex; Syk phosphorylation; increased expression of CD83 and/or CD86 on dendritic cells; reduced secretion of one or more inflammatory cytokines; reduced expression of one or more inflammatory receptors; increasing phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglia under conditions of reduced levels of MCSF; decreasing phagocytosis by macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, and/or microglia in the presence of normal levels of MCSF; increasing activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes; and any combination thereof.

214. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 211-213, wherein the antibody is of the IgG class the IgM class, or the IgA class.

215. The isolated antibody of embodiment 214, wherein the antibody is of the IgG class and has an IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, or IgG4 isotype.

216. The isolated antibody of embodiment 215, wherein the antibody has an IgG2 isotype.
217. The isolated antibody of embodiment 216, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG2 constant region.
218. The isolated antibody of embodiment 217, wherein the human IgG2 constant region comprises an Fc region.
219. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 216-218, wherein the antibody induces the one or more TREM2 activities, DAP12 activities, or both independently of binding to an Fc receptor.
220. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 216-218, wherein the antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor.
221. The isolated antibody of embodiment 220, wherein the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-gamma receptor IIB (Fc γ IIB).
222. The isolated antibody of embodiment 220 or embodiment 221, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.
223. The isolated antibody of embodiment 222, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.
224. The isolated antibody of embodiment 223, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of V234A, G237A, H268Q, V309L, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, S267E, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.
225. The isolated antibody of embodiment 217, wherein the human IgG2 constant region comprises a light chain constant region comprising a C214S amino acid substitution, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.
226. The isolated antibody of embodiment 215, wherein the antibody has an IgG1 isotype.

227. The isolated antibody of embodiment 226, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG1 constant region.
228. The isolated antibody of embodiment 227, wherein the human IgG1 constant region comprises an Fc region.
229. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 226-228, wherein the antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor.
230. The isolated antibody of embodiment 229, wherein the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-gamma receptor IIB (Fc γ RIIB).
231. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 228-230, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.
232. The isolated antibody of embodiment 231, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.
233. The isolated antibody of embodiment 232, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of N297A, D265A, L234A, L235A, G237A, C226S, C229S, E233P, L234V, L234F, L235E, P331S, S267E, L328F, A330L, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.
234. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 228-230, wherein the antibody comprises an IgG2 isotype heavy chain constant domain 1(CH1) and hinge region.
235. The isolated antibody of embodiment 234, wherein the IgG2 isotype CH1 and hinge region comprise the amino acid sequence of ASTKGPSVFP LAPCSRSTSE STAALGCLVK DYFPEPVTVS WNSGALTSGVHTFPAVLQSS GLYSLSSVVT VPSSNFGTQT YTCNVDHKPS NTKVDKTVERKCCVECPCP (SEQ ID NO: 397).
236. The isolated antibody of embodiment 234 or embodiment 235, wherein the antibody Fc region comprises a S267E amino acid substitution, a L328F amino acid substitution, or both, and/or a N297A or N297Q amino acid substitution, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

237. The isolated antibody of embodiment 226, wherein the antibody comprises a mouse IgG1 constant region.
238. The isolated antibody of embodiment 215, wherein the antibody has an IgG4 isotype.
239. The isolated antibody of embodiment 238, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG4 constant region.
240. The isolated antibody of embodiment 239, wherein the human IgG4 constant region comprises an Fc region.
241. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 238-240, wherein the antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor.
242. The isolated antibody of embodiment 241, wherein the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-gamma receptor IIB (FcγIIB).
243. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 240-242, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.
244. The isolated antibody of embodiment 243, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.
245. The isolated antibody of embodiment 244, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of L235A, G237A, S228P, L236E, S267E, E318A, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.
246. The isolated antibody of embodiment 214, wherein the antibody has a hybrid IgG2/4 isotype.
247. The isolated antibody of embodiment 246, wherein the antibody comprises an amino acid sequence comprising amino acids 118 to 260 of human IgG2 and amino acids 261 to 447 of human IgG4, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.
248. The isolated antibody of embodiment 239, wherein the antibody comprises a mouse IgG4 constant region.

249. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 211-248, wherein the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, human DAP12, and naturally occurring variant of human DAP12, and wherein the antibody fragment is cross-linked to a second antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, human DAP12, and naturally occurring variant of human DAP12.

250. The isolated antibody of embodiment 249, wherein the fragment is an Fab, Fab', Fab'-SH, F(ab')₂, Fv or scFv fragment.

251. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 191-210, wherein the isolated antibody is an inert antibody.

252. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 191-210, wherein the isolated antibody is an antagonist antibody.

253. The isolated antibody of embodiment 252, wherein the isolated antibody inhibits one or more TREM2 activities.

254. The isolated antibody of embodiment 253, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities are selected from the group consisting of decreasing activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes; decreasing activity of one or more nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) transcription factors; decreasing the survival of macrophages, microglial cells, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, and/or dendritic cells; and any combination thereof.

255. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 252-254, wherein the isolated antibody inhibits interaction between TREM2 and one or more TREM2 ligands, inhibits TREM2 signal transduction, or both.

256. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 251-255, wherein the antibody is incapable of binding an Fc-gamma receptor (FcγR).

257. The isolated antibody of embodiment 256, wherein the antibody has an IgG1 isotype.

258. The isolated antibody of embodiment 257, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG1 constant region.
259. The isolated antibody of embodiment 258, wherein the human IgG1 constant region comprises an Fc region.
260. The isolated antibody of embodiment 259, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.
261. The isolated antibody of embodiment 260, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.
262. The isolated antibody of embodiment 261, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of N297A, N297Q, D265A, L234A, L235A, C226S, C229S, P238S, E233P, L234V, P238A, A327Q, A327G, P329A, K322A, L234F, L235E, P331S, T394D, A330L, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.
263. The isolated antibody of embodiment 262, wherein the Fc region further comprises an amino acid deletion at a position corresponding to glycine 236 according to EU numbering.
264. The isolated antibody of embodiment 257, wherein the antibody comprises a mouse IgG1 constant region.
265. The isolated antibody of embodiment 256, wherein the antibody has an IgG2 isotype.
266. The isolated antibody of embodiment 264, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG2 constant region.
267. The isolated antibody of embodiment 266, wherein the human IgG2 constant region comprises an Fc region.
268. The isolated antibody of embodiment 267, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.

269. The isolated antibody of embodiment 268, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.

270. The isolated antibody of embodiment 269, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of V234A, G237A, H268E, V309L, N297A, N297Q, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

271. The isolated antibody of embodiment 256, wherein the antibody has an IgG4 isotype.

272. The isolated antibody of embodiment 271, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG4 constant region.

273. The isolated antibody of embodiment 272, wherein the human IgG4 constant region comprises an Fc region.

274. The isolated antibody of embodiment 273, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.

275. The isolated antibody of embodiment 274, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.

276. The isolated antibody of embodiment 275, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of E233P, F234V, L235A, G237A, E318A, S228P, L236E, S241P, L248E, T394D, M252Y, S254T, T256E, N297A, N297Q, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

277. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 208-276, wherein the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, human DAP12, and naturally occurring variant of human DAP12.

278. The isolated antibody of embodiment 277, wherein the fragment is an Fab, Fab', Fab'-SH, F(ab')₂, Fv or scFv fragment.

279. The isolated antibody of embodiment 233, embodiment 262, or embodiment 263, wherein the Fc region further comprises one or more additional amino acid substitutions at a position selected from the group consisting of A330L, L234F; L235E, P331S, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

280. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 223-279, wherein the Fc region further comprises one or more additional amino acid substitutions at a position selected from the group consisting of M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

281. The isolated antibody of embodiment 245 or embodiment 276, wherein the Fc region further comprises a S228P amino acid substitution according to EU numbering.

282. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 191-281, wherein the antibody is a human antibody, a humanized antibody, a bispecific antibody, a multivalent antibody, or a chimeric antibody.

283. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 191-282, wherein the antibody is a bispecific antibody recognizing a first antigen and a second antigen.

284. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 191-283, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

285. The isolated antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments, wherein the isolated antibody binds specifically to both human TREM2 and mouse TREM2.

286. The isolated antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments, wherein the isolated antibody has dissociation constant (K_D) for human TREM2 and mouse TREM2 that ranges from less than about 5.75 nM to less than about 0.09 nM.

287. The isolated antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments, wherein the isolated antibody has dissociation constant (K_D) for human TREM2-Fc fusion protein that ranges from less than about 1.51 nM to less than about 0.35 nM.

288. The isolated antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments, wherein the isolated antibody has dissociation constant (K_D) for human monomeric TREM2 protein that ranges from less than about 5.75 nM to less than about 1.15 nM.

289. The isolated antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments, wherein the isolated antibody has dissociation constant (K_D) for mouse TREM2-Fc fusion protein that ranges from less than about 0.23 nM to less than about 0.09 nM.

290. An isolated nucleic acid encoding the antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments.

291. A vector comprising the nucleic acid of embodiment 290.

292. A host cell comprising the vector of embodiment 291.

293. A method of producing an antibody, comprising culturing the cell of embodiment 292 so that the antibody is produced.

294. The method of embodiment 293, further comprising recovering the antibody produced by the cell.

295. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody of any one of embodiments 44-289 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

296. A method of preventing, reducing risk, or treating an individual having a disease, disorder, or injury selected from the group consisting of dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, and multiple sclerosis, comprising administering to the individual a therapeutically effective amount of an isolated antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein, a DAP12 protein, or both.

297. The method of embodiment 296, wherein the isolated antibody is the isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-289.

298. The method of embodiment 296 or embodiment 297, wherein the individual has a heterozygous variant of TREM2, wherein the variant comprises one or more substitutions selected from the group consisting of:

- i. a glutamic acid to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Glu14 of SEQ ID NO: 1;

- ii. a glutamine to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Gln33 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- iii. a tryptophan to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Trp44 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- iv. an arginine to histidine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Arg47 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- v. a tryptophan to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Trp78 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- vi. a valine to glycine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Val126 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- vii. an aspartic acid to glycine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Asp134 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and
- viii. a lysine to asparagine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Lys186 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

299. The method of embodiment 296, wherein the individual has a heterozygous variant of TREM2, wherein the variant comprises a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G313 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 1; a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G267 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 1; or both.

300. The method of embodiment 296, wherein the individual has a heterozygous variant of DAP12, wherein the variant comprises one or more variants selected from the group consisting of:

- i. a methionine to threonine substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Met1 of SEQ ID NO: 2;
- ii. a glycine to arginine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Gly49 of SEQ ID NO: 2;
- iii. a deletion within exons 1-4 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2;
- iv. an insertion of 14 amino acid residues at exon 3 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2; and

- v. a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G141 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2.
301. A method of inducing or promoting innate immune cell survival an individual in need thereof, comprising administering to the individual a therapeutically effective amount of an isolated agonist antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein, a DAP12 protein, or both.
302. The method of embodiment 301 wherein the isolated agonist antibody is the isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 44-123, 157-250, and 277-289.
303. An isolated agonist antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein, wherein the antibody induces one or more TREM2 activities.
304. The isolated antibody of embodiment 303, wherein the TREM2 protein is a mammalian protein or a human protein.
305. The isolated antibody of embodiment 304, wherein the TREM2 protein is a wild-type protein.
306. The isolated antibody of embodiment 304, wherein the TREM2 protein is a naturally occurring variant.
307. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-306, wherein the TREM2 protein is expressed on human dendritic cells, human macrophages, human monocytes, human osteoclasts, human Langerhans cells of skin, human Kupffer cells, and/or human microglia.
308. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-307, wherein the isolated antibody induces or retains TREM2 clustering on a cell surface.
309. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-308, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise TREM2 binding to DAP12.
310. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-309, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise TREM2 autophosphorylation.
311. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-310, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise DAP12 phosphorylation.

312. The isolated antibody of embodiment 310 or embodiment 311, wherein the TREM2 autophosphorylation, the DAP12 phosphorylation, or both is induced by one or more SRC family tyrosine kinases.
313. The isolated antibody of embodiment 312, wherein the one or more SRC family tyrosine kinases comprise a Syk kinase.
314. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-313, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise PI3K activation.
315. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-314, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise increased expression of one or more anti-inflammatory cytokines.
316. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-314, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise increased expression of one or more cytokines selected from the group consisting of IL-12p70, IL-6, and IL-10.
317. The isolated antibody of embodiment 315 or embodiment 316, wherein the increased expression occurs in one or more cells selected from the group consisting of macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, and microglial cells.
318. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-317, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory cytokines.
319. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-317, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators selected from the group consisting of IFN- α 4, IFN- β , IL-1 β , TNF- α , IL-10, IL-6, IL-8, CRP, TGF- β members of the chemokine protein families, IL-20 family members, IL-33, LIF, IFN- γ , OSM, CNTF, TGF- β , GM-CSF, IL-11, IL-12, IL-17, IL-18, and CRP.
320. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-318, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise reduced expression of TNF- α , IL-6, or both.
321. The isolated antibody of embodiment 319 or embodiment 320, wherein the reduced expression of the one or more pro-inflammatory mediators occurs in one or more cells selected

from the group consisting of macrophages, dendritic cells, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, and microglial cells.

322. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-320, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK) phosphorylation.

323. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-322, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise increased expression of C-C chemokine receptor 7 (CCR7).

324. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-322, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise induction of microglial cell chemotaxis toward CCL19 and CCL21 expressing cells.

325. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-324, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise an increased ability of dendritic cells, monocytes, microglia, and/or macrophages to induce T-cell proliferation.

326. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-324, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise an enhancement, normalization, or both of the ability of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells to induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation.

327. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-326, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise induction of osteoclast production, increased rate of osteoclastogenesis, or both.

328. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-327, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise increasing the survival of dendritic cells, macrophages, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, and/or microglia.

329. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-328, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise increasing the function of dendritic cells, macrophages, and/or microglia.

330. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-329, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise increasing phagocytosis by dendritic cells, macrophages, monocytes, and/or microglia under conditions of reduced levels of MCSF.

331. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-330, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise decreasing phagocytosis by dendritic cells, macrophages, monocytes, and/or microglia in the presence of normal levels of MCSF.
332. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 328-331, wherein the macrophages and/or microglia are M1 macrophages and/or microglia, M2 macrophages and/or microglia, or both.
333. The isolated antibody of embodiment 332, wherein the M1 macrophages and/or microglia are activated M1 macrophages and/or microglia.
334. The isolated antibody of any one of any one of embodiments 303-333, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise induction of one or more types of clearance selected from the group consisting of apoptotic neuron clearance, nerve tissue debris clearance, non-nerve tissue debris clearance, bacteria or other foreign body clearance, disease-causing protein clearance, and tumor cell clearance.
335. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-334, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise induction of phagocytosis of one or more of apoptotic neurons, nerve tissue debris, non-nerve tissue debris, bacteria, other foreign bodies, disease-causing proteins, disease-causing peptides, disease-causing nucleic acids, or tumor cells.
336. The isolated antibody of embodiment 335, wherein the disease-causing nucleic acid is antisense GGCCCC (G2C4) repeat-expansion RNA.
337. The isolated antibody of embodiment 334 or embodiment 335, wherein the disease-causing protein is selected from the group consisting of amyloid beta or fragments thereof, Tau, IAPP, alpha-synuclein, TDP-43, FUS protein, prion protein, PrPSc, huntingtin, calcitonin, superoxide dismutase, ataxin, Lewy body, atrial natriuretic factor, islet amyloid polypeptide, insulin, apolipoprotein AI, serum amyloid A, medin, prolactin, transthyretin, lysozyme, beta 2 microglobulin, gelsolin, keratoepithelin, cystatin, immunoglobulin light chain AL, S-IBM protein, Repeat-associated non-ATG (RAN) translation products, DiPeptide repeat (DPR) peptides, glycine-alanine (GA) repeat peptides, glycine-proline (GP) repeat peptides, glycine-

arginine (GR) repeat peptides, proline-alanine (PA) repeat peptides, and proline-arginine (PR) repeat peptides.

338. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-337, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise normalization of disrupted TREM2/DAP12-dependent gene expression.

339. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-338, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise recruitment of Syk, ZAP70, or both to a DAP12/TREM2 complex.

340. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-339, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise Syk phosphorylation.

341. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-340, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise increased expression of CD83 and/or CD86 on dendritic cells, monocytes, macrophages, or both.

342. The isolated antibody of embodiment 341, wherein the dendritic cells are bone marrow-derived dendritic cells.

343. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-342, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise reduced secretion of one or more inflammatory cytokines.

344. The isolated antibody of 343, wherein the one or more inflammatory cytokines are selected from the group consisting of IFN- α 4, IFN- β , IL-1 β , TNF- α , IL-10, IL-6, IL-8, CRP, TGF- β members of the chemokine protein families, IL-20 family members, IL-33, LIF, IFN- γ , OSM, CNTF, TGF- β , GM-CSF, IL-11, IL-12, IL-17, IL-18, CRP, and MCP-1.

345. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-344, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise reduced expression of one or more inflammatory receptors.

346. The isolated antibody of embodiment 345, wherein the one or more inflammatory receptors comprise CD86.

347. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-346, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise increasing activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes.

348. The isolated antibody of embodiment 347, wherein the one or more TREM2-dependent genes comprise one or more nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) transcription factors.
349. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-348, wherein the antibody is of the IgG class the IgM class, or the IgA class.
350. The isolated antibody of embodiment 349, wherein the antibody is of the IgG class and has an IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, or IgG4 isotype.
351. The isolated antibody of embodiment 349, wherein the antibody has an IgG2 isotype.
352. The isolated antibody of embodiment 351, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG2 constant region.
353. The isolated antibody of embodiment 352, wherein the human IgG2 constant region comprises an Fc region.
354. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 351-353, wherein the antibody induces the one or more TREM2 activities independently of binding to an Fc receptor.
355. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 351-353, wherein the antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor.
356. The isolated antibody of embodiment 355, wherein the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-gamma receptor IIB (Fc γ IIB).
357. The isolated antibody of embodiment 355 or embodiment 356, wherein the human IgG2 constant region comprises an Fc region that comprises one or more modifications.
358. The isolated antibody of embodiment 357, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.
359. The isolated antibody of embodiment 358, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of V234A, G237A, H268Q, V309L, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, S267E, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

360. The isolated antibody of embodiment 352, wherein the human IgG2 constant region comprises a light chain constant region comprising a C214S amino acid substitution, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.
361. The isolated antibody of embodiment 349, wherein the antibody has an IgG1 isotype.
362. The isolated antibody of embodiment 361, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG1 constant region.
363. The isolated antibody of embodiment 362, wherein the human IgG1 constant region comprises an Fc region.
364. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 361-363, wherein the antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor.
365. The isolated antibody of embodiment 364, wherein the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-gamma receptor IIB (Fc γ RIIB).
366. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 363-365, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.
367. The isolated antibody of embodiment 366, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.
368. The isolated antibody of embodiment 367, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of N297A, D265A, L234A, L235A, G237A, C226S, C229S, E233P, L234V, L234F, L235E, P331S, S267E, L328F, A330L, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.
369. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 363-365, wherein the antibody comprises an IgG2 isotype heavy chain constant domain 1(CH1) and hinge region.
370. The isolated antibody of embodiment 369, wherein the IgG2 isotype CH1 and hinge region comprise the amino acid sequence of ASTKGPSVFP LAPCSRSTSE STAALGCLVK DYFPEPVTVS WNSGALTSGVHTFPAVLQSS GLYSLSSVVT VPSSNFGTQT YTCNVDHKPS NTKVDKTVERKCCVECPCP (SEQ ID NO: 397).

371. The isolated antibody of embodiment 369 or embodiment 370, wherein the antibody Fc region comprises a S267E amino acid substitution, a L328F amino acid substitution, or both, and/or a N297A or N297Q amino acid substitution, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering..

372. The isolated antibody of embodiment 361, wherein the antibody comprises a mouse IgG1 constant region.

373. The isolated antibody of embodiment 349, wherein the antibody has an IgG4 isotype.

374. The isolated antibody of embodiment 373, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG4 constant region.

375. The isolated antibody of embodiment 374, wherein the human IgG4 constant region comprises an Fc region.

376. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 373-375, wherein the antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor.

377. The isolated antibody of embodiment 376, wherein the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-gamma receptor IIB (FcγIIB).

378. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 375-377, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.

379. The isolated antibody of embodiment 378, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.

380. The isolated antibody of embodiment 379, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of L235A, G237A, S228P, L236E, S267E, E318A, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

381. The isolated antibody of embodiment 349, wherein the antibody has a hybrid IgG2/4 isotype.

382. The isolated antibody of embodiment 381, wherein the antibody comprises an amino acid sequence comprising amino acids 118 to 260 of human IgG2 and amino acids 261 to 447 of human IgG4, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

383. The isolated antibody of embodiment 373, wherein the antibody comprises a mouse IgG4 constant region.

384. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 1-383, wherein the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, and a disease variant of human TREM2, and wherein the antibody fragment is cross-linked to a second antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, and a disease variant of human TREM2.

385. The isolated antibody of embodiment 384, wherein the fragment is an Fab, Fab', Fab'-SH, F(ab')₂, Fv or scFv fragment.

386. An isolated inert antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein.

387. An isolated antagonist antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein.

388. The isolated antibody of embodiment 386 or embodiment 387, wherein the TREM2 protein is a mammalian protein or a human protein.

389. The isolated antibody of embodiment 388, wherein the TREM2 protein is a wild-type protein.

390. The isolated antibody of embodiment 388, wherein the TREM2 protein is a naturally occurring variant.

391. The isolated antibody of embodiment 388, wherein the TREM2 protein is a disease variant.

392. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 387-391, wherein the isolated antibody inhibits one or more TREM2 activities.

393. The isolated antibody of embodiment 392, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise decreasing activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes.
394. The isolated antibody of embodiment 393, wherein the one or more TREM2-dependent genes comprise one or more nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) transcription factors.
395. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 392-394, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities comprise decreasing the survival of macrophages, microglial cells, M1 macrophages, M1 microglial cells, M2 macrophages, M2 microglial cells, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, and/or dendritic cells.
396. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 387-395, wherein the isolated antibody inhibits interaction between TREM2 and one or more TREM2 ligands, inhibits TREM2 signal transduction, or both.
397. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 386-396, wherein the antibody is incapable of binding an Fc-gamma receptor (Fc γ R).
398. The isolated antibody of embodiment 397, wherein the antibody has an IgG1 isotype.
399. The isolated antibody of embodiment 398, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG1 constant region.
400. The isolated antibody of embodiment 399, wherein the human IgG1 constant region comprises an Fc region.
401. The isolated antibody of embodiment 400, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.
402. The isolated antibody of embodiment 401, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.
403. The isolated antibody of embodiment 402, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of N297A, N297Q, D265A, L234A, L235A, C226S, C229S, P238S, E233P, L234V, P238A, A327Q, A327G, P329A, K322A, L234F, L235E, P331S, T394D, A330L, M252Y, S254T,

T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

404. The isolated antibody of embodiment 403, wherein the Fc region further comprises an amino acid deletion at a position corresponding to glycine 236 according to EU numbering.

405. The isolated antibody of embodiment 398, wherein the antibody comprises a mouse IgG1 constant region.

406. The isolated antibody of embodiment 397, wherein the antibody has an IgG2 isotype.

407. The isolated antibody of embodiment 406, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG2 constant region.

408. The isolated antibody of embodiment 407, wherein the human IgG2 constant region comprises an Fc region.

409. The isolated antibody of embodiment 408, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.

410. The isolated antibody of embodiment 409, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.

411. The isolated antibody of embodiment 410, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of V234A, G237A, H268E, V309L, N297A, N297Q, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

412. The isolated antibody of embodiment 397 wherein the antibody has an IgG4 isotype.

413. The isolated antibody of embodiment 412, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG4 constant region.

414. The isolated antibody of embodiment 413, wherein the human IgG4 constant region comprises an Fc region.

415. The isolated antibody of embodiment 414, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.

416. The isolated antibody of embodiment 415, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.

417. The isolated antibody of embodiment 416, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of E233P, F234V, L235A, G237A, E318A, S228P, L236E, S241P, L248E, T394D, M252Y, S254T, T256E, N297A, N297Q, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

418. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 386-417, wherein the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, and a disease variant of TREM2.

419. The isolated antibody of embodiment 418, wherein the fragment is an Fab, Fab', Fab'-SH, F(ab')₂, Fv or scFv fragment.

420. The isolated antibody of embodiment 368, embodiment 403, or embodiment 404, wherein the Fc region further comprises one or more additional amino acid substitutions at a position selected from the group consisting of A330L, L234F, L235E, P331S, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

421. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 357-420, wherein the Fc region further comprises one or more additional amino acid substitutions at a position selected from the group consisting of M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

422. The isolated antibody of embodiment 380 or embodiment 417, wherein the Fc region further comprises a S228P amino acid substitution according to EU numbering.

423. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-422, wherein the antibody competes for binding of TREM2 with one or more TREM2 ligands.

424. The isolated antibody of embodiment 423, wherein the one or more TREM2 ligands are selected from the group consisting of *E. coli* cells, apoptotic cells, nucleic acids, anionic lipids, zwitterionic lipids, negatively charged phospholipids, phosphatidylserine, sulfatides, phosphatidylcholin, sphingomyelin, membrane phospholipids, lipidated proteins, proteolipids, lipidated peptides, and lipidated amyloid beta peptide.

425. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-422, wherein the antibody does not compete for binding of TREM2 with a TREM2 ligand.

426. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-425, wherein the antibody is a human antibody, a humanized antibody, a bispecific antibody, a multivalent antibody, a conjugated antibody, or a chimeric antibody.

427. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-426, wherein the antibody is a bispecific antibody recognizing a first antigen and a second antigen.

428. The isolated antibody of embodiment 427, wherein the first antigen is human TREM2 or a naturally occurring variant thereof, and the second antigen is a disease-causing protein selected from the group consisting of: amyloid beta or fragments thereof, Tau, IAPP, alpha-synuclein, TDP-43, FUS protein, prion protein, PrPSc, huntingtin, calcitonin, superoxide dismutase, ataxin, Lewy body, atrial natriuretic factor, islet amyloid polypeptide, insulin, apolipoprotein AI, serum amyloid A, medin, prolactin, transthyretin, lysozyme, beta 2 microglobulin, gelsolin, keratoepithelin, cystatin, immunoglobulin light chain AL, S-IBM protein, Repeat-associated non-ATG (RAN) translation products, DiPeptide repeat (DPR) peptides, glycine-alanine (GA) repeat peptides, glycine-proline (GP) repeat peptides, glycine-arginine (GR) repeat peptides, proline-alanine (PA) repeat peptides, and proline-arginine (PR) repeat peptides; a blood brain barrier targeting protein selected from the group consisting of: transferin receptor, insulin receptor, insulin like growth factor receptor, LRP-1, and LRP1; or ligands and/or proteins expressed on immune cells, wherein the ligands and/or proteins selected from the group consisting of: CD40, OX40, ICOS, CD28, CD137/4-1BB, CD27, GITR, PD-L1, CTLA4, PD-L2, PD-1, B7-H3, B7-H4, HVEM, BTLA, KIR, GAL9, TIM3, A2AR, LAG, and phosphatidylserine.

429. The isolated antibody of embodiment 427, wherein the first antigen is human TREM2 or a naturally occurring variant thereof, and the second antigen is a protein expressed on one or more tumor cells.

430. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-424, wherein the antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, human DAP12, and naturally occurring variant of human DAP12; and wherein the antibody is used in combination with one or more antibodies that specifically bind a disease-causing protein selected from the group consisting of: amyloid beta, Tau, IAPP, alpha-synuclein, TDP-43, FUS protein, prion protein, PrPSc, huntingtin, calcitonin, superoxide dismutase, ataxin, Lewy body, atrial natriuretic factor, islet amyloid polypeptide, insulin, apolipoprotein AI, serum amyloid A, medin, prolactin, transthyretin, lysozyme, beta 2 microglobulin, gelsolin, keratoepithelin, cystatin, immunoglobulin light chain AL, S-IBM protein, Repeat-associated non-ATG (RAN) translation products, DiPeptide repeat (DPR) peptides, glycine-alanine (GA) repeat peptides, glycine-proline (GP) repeat peptides, glycine-arginine (GR) repeat peptides, proline-alanine (PA) repeat peptides, and proline-arginine (PR) repeat peptides, and any combination thereof, or with one or more antibodies that specifically bind a cancer-associated protein selected from the group consisting of: CD40, OX40, ICOS, CD28, CD137/4-1BB, CD27, GITR, PD-L1, CTLA4, PD-L2, PD-1, B7-H3, B7-H4, HVEM, BTLA, KIR, GAL9, TIM3, A2AR, LAG, phosphatidylserine, and any combination thereof.

431. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-430, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

432. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-431, wherein the antibody binds to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of:

- xi. amino acid residues 130-171 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 130-171 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- xii. amino acid residues 140-153 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 140-153 of SEQ ID NO: 1;

- xiii. amino acid residues 139-146 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 139-146 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- xiv. amino acid residues 130-144 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 130-144 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and
- xv. amino acid residues 158-171 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 158-171 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

433. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-431, wherein the antibody binds to an epitope comprising one or more amino acids within amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of:

- i. amino acid residues 130-171 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 130-171 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- ii. amino acid residues 140-153 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 139-153 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- iii. amino acid residues 139-146 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 139-146 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- iv. amino acid residues 130-144 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 130-144 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and
- v. amino acid residues 158-171 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 158-171 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

434. The isolated antibody of embodiment 432 or embodiment 433, wherein the antibody binds to an epitope further comprising one or more amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of:

- v. amino acid residue Arg47 or Asp87 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- vi. amino acid residues 40-44 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- vii. amino acid residues 67-76 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and
- viii. amino acid residues 114-118 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

435. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-433, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises an HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and/or HVR-H3 of a monoclonal antibody selected from the group consisting of: Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87, and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises an HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and/or HVR-L3 of a monoclonal antibody selected from the group consisting of: Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87.
436. The isolated antibody of embodiment 435, wherein the HVR-H1 comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:3-24.
437. The isolated antibody of embodiment 435 or embodiment 436, wherein the HVR-H2 comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:25-49.
438. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 435-437, wherein the HVR-H3 comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:50-119.
439. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 435-438, wherein the HVR-L1 comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:120-137.
440. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 435-439, wherein the HVR-L2 comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:138-152.

441. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 435-440, wherein the HVR-L3 comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:153-236.

442. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-433, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises:

- (a) an HVR-H1 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:3-24, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:3-24;
- (b) an HVR-H2 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:25-49, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 25-49; and
- (c) an HVR-H3 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:50-119, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 50-119; and/or

wherein the light chain variable domain comprises:

- (a) an HVR-L1 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:120-137, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:120-137;
- (b) an HVR-L2 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:138-152, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 138-152; and
- (c) an HVR-L3 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:153-236 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 138-152.

443. An isolated anti-human TREM2 antibody, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and/or HVR-H3 of a monoclonal antibody selected from the group consisting of: Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20,

Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87, and/or

wherein the light chain variable domain comprises the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and/or HVR-L3 of a monoclonal antibody selected from the group consisting of: Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87.

444. The isolated antibody of embodiment 443, wherein the HVR-H1 comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:3-24.

445. The isolated antibody of embodiment 443 or embodiment 444, wherein the HVR-H2 comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:25-49.

446. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 443-445, wherein the HVR-H3 comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:50-119.

447. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 443-446, wherein the HVR-L1 comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:120-137.

448. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 443-447, wherein the HVR-L2 comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:138-152.

449. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 443-448, wherein the HVR-L3 comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:153-236.

450. The isolated antibody of embodiment 443, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable

domain comprises an HVR-H1 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:3-24, an HVR-H2 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:25-49, and an HVR-H3 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:50-119, and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises an HVR-L1 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:120-137, an HVR-L2 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:138-152, and an HVR-L3 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:153-236.

451. An isolated anti-human TREM2 antibody which binds essentially the same TREM2 epitope as a monoclonal antibody selected from the group consisting of: Ab1, Ab2, Ab3, Ab4, Ab5, Ab6, Ab7, Ab8, Ab9, Ab10, Ab11, Ab12, Ab13, Ab14, Ab15, Ab16, Ab17, Ab18, Ab19, Ab20, Ab22, Ab23, Ab24, Ab25, Ab26, Ab27, Ab28, Ab29, Ab30, Ab31, Ab32, Ab33, Ab34, Ab35, Ab36, Ab37, Ab38, Ab39, Ab40, Ab41, Ab42, Ab43, Ab44, Ab45, Ab46, Ab47, Ab48, Ab49, Ab50, Ab51, Ab53, Ab54, Ab55, Ab56, Ab57, Ab58, Ab59, Ab60, Ab61, Ab62, Ab63, Ab64, Ab65, Ab66, Ab67, Ab68, Ab69, Ab70, Ab71, Ab72, Ab73, Ab74, Ab75, Ab76, Ab77, Ab78, Ab79, Ab80, Ab81, Ab82, Ab83, Ab84, Ab85, Ab86, and Ab87.

452. An isolated anti-human TREM2 antibody, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises:

- (a) an HVR-H1 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:3-24, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:3-24;
- (b) an HVR-H2 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:25-49, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 25-49; and
- (c) an HVR-H3 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:50-119, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 50-119; and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises:

- (a) an HVR-L1 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:120-137, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:120-137;
- (b) an HVR-L2 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:138-152, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 138-152; and
- (c) an HVR-L3 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:153-236 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 138-152.

453. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 443-452, wherein the antibody is an agonist antibody, and wherein the antibody induces one or more TREM2 activities.

454. The isolated antibody of embodiment 453, wherein the isolated antibody induces or retains TREM2 clustering on a cell surface.

455. The isolated antibody of embodiment 453 or embodiment 454, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities are selected from the group consisting of TREM2 binding to DAP12; DAP12 binding to TREM2; TREM2 phosphorylation, DAP12 phosphorylation; PI3K activation; increased expression of one or more cytokines selected from the group consisting of IL-12p70, IL-6, and IL-10; reduced expression of one or more pro-inflammatory mediators selected from the group consisting of IFN- α 4, IFN- β , IL-1 β , TNF- α , IL-10, IL-6, IL-8, CRP, TGF- β members of the chemokine protein families, IL-20 family members, IL-33, LIF, IFN- γ , OSM, CNTF, TGF- β , GM-CSF, IL-11, IL-12, IL-17, IL-18, and CRP; reduced expression of TNF- α , IL-6, or both; extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK) phosphorylation; increased expression of C-C chemokine receptor 7 (CCR7); induction of microglial cell chemotaxis toward CCL19 and CCL21 expressing cells; increased ability of dendritic cells, monocytes, microglia, and/or macrophages to induce T-cell proliferation; a n increase, normalization, or both of the ability of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells to induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation; induction of osteoclast production, increased rate of osteoclastogenesis, or both; increasing the survival and/or function of one or more of dendritic cells, macrophages, M1 macrophages,

activated M1 macrophages M2 macrophages, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, microglial cells, M1 microglial cells, activated M1 microglial cells, and M2 microglial cells; induction of one or more types of clearance selected from the group consisting of cancer cells clearance, apoptotic neuron clearance, nerve tissue debris clearance, non-nerve tissue debris clearance, bacteria or other foreign body clearance, and disease-causing protein clearance; induction of phagocytosis of one or more of apoptotic neurons, nerve tissue debris, non-nerve tissue debris, bacteria, other foreign bodies, disease-causing proteins or tumor cells; normalization of disrupted TREM2/DAP12-dependent gene expression; recruitment of Syk, ZAP70, or both to the TREM2/DAP12 complex; Syk phosphorylation; increased expression of CD83 and/or CD86 on dendritic cells, microglia, monocytes, or macrophages; reduced secretion of one or more inflammatory cytokines selected from the group consisting of IFN- α , IFN- β , IL-1 β , TNF- α , IL-10, IL-6, IL-8, CRP, TGF- β members of the chemokine protein families, IL-20 family members, IL-33, LIF, IFN- γ , OSM, CNTF, TGF- β , GM-CSF, IL-11, IL-12, IL-17, IL-18, CRP, and MCP-1; reduced expression of one or more inflammatory receptors; increasing phagocytosis by macrophages, monocytes, dendritic cells, and/or microglia under conditions of reduced levels of MCSF; decreasing phagocytosis by macrophages, monocytes, dendritic cells, and/or microglia in the presence of normal levels of MCSF; increasing activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes; and any combination thereof.

456. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 453-455, wherein the antibody is of the IgG class the IgM class, or the IgA class.

457. The isolated antibody of embodiment 456, wherein the antibody is of the IgG class and has an IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, or IgG4 isotype.

458. The isolated antibody of embodiment 457, wherein the antibody has an IgG2 isotype.

459. The isolated antibody of embodiment 458, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG2 constant region.

460. The isolated antibody of embodiment 459, wherein the human IgG2 constant region comprises an Fc region.

461. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 458-460, wherein the antibody induces the one or more TREM2 activities independently of binding to an Fc receptor.
462. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 458-461, wherein the antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor.
463. The isolated antibody of embodiment 462, wherein the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-gamma receptor IIB (FcγIIB).
464. The isolated antibody of embodiment 462 or embodiment 463, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.
465. The isolated antibody of embodiment 464, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.
466. The isolated antibody of embodiment 465, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of V234A, G237A, H268Q, V309L, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, S267E, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.
467. The isolated antibody of embodiment 459, wherein the human IgG2 constant region comprises a light chain constant region comprising a C214S amino acid substitution, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.
468. The isolated antibody of embodiment 457, wherein the antibody has an IgG1 isotype.
469. The isolated antibody of embodiment 468, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG1 constant region.
470. The isolated antibody of embodiment 469, wherein the human IgG1 constant region comprises an Fc region.
471. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 468-470, wherein the antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor.

472. The isolated antibody of embodiment 471, wherein the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-gamma receptor IIB (FcγRIIB).
473. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 470-472, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.
474. The isolated antibody of embodiment 473, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.
475. The isolated antibody of embodiment 474, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of N297A, D265A, L234A, L235A, G237A, C226S, C229S, E233P, L234V, L234F, L235E, P331S, S267E, L328F, A330L, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.
476. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 470-472, wherein the antibody comprises an IgG2 isotype heavy chain constant domain 1(CH1) and hinge region.
477. The isolated antibody of embodiment 476, wherein the IgG2 isotype CH1 and hinge region comprise the amino acid sequence of ASTKGPSVFP LAPCSRSTSE STAALGCLVK DYFPEPVTVS WNSGALTSGVHTFPAVLQSS GLYSLSSVVT VPSSNFGTQT YTCNVDPKPS NTKVDKTVKCCVECPKCP (SEQ ID NO:397).
478. The isolated antibody of embodiment 476 or embodiment 477, wherein the antibody Fc region comprises a S267E amino acid substitution, a L328F amino acid substitution, or both, and/or a N297A or N297Q amino acid substitution, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.
479. The isolated antibody of embodiment 468, wherein the antibody comprises a mouse IgG1 constant region.
480. The isolated antibody of embodiment 457, wherein the antibody has an IgG4 isotype.
481. The isolated antibody of embodiment 480, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG4 constant region.

482. The isolated antibody of embodiment 481, wherein the human IgG4 constant region comprises an Fc region.
483. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 480-482, wherein the antibody binds an inhibitory Fc receptor.
484. The isolated antibody of embodiment 483, wherein the inhibitory Fc receptor is inhibitory Fc-gamma receptor IIB (FcγIIB).
485. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 482-484, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.
486. The isolated antibody of embodiment 485, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.
487. The isolated antibody of embodiment 486, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of L235A, G237A, S228P, L236E, S267E, E318A, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.
488. The isolated antibody of embodiment 456, wherein the antibody has a hybrid IgG2/4 isotype.
489. The isolated antibody of embodiment 488, wherein the antibody comprises an amino acid sequence comprising amino acids 118 to 260 of human IgG2 and amino acids 261 to 447 of human IgG4, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.
490. The isolated antibody of embodiment 481, wherein the antibody comprises a mouse IgG4 constant region.
491. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 451-490, wherein the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, and a disease variant of TREM2, and wherein the antibody fragment is cross-linked to a second antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, and a disease variant of TREM2.

492. The isolated antibody of embodiment 491, wherein the fragment is an Fab, Fab', Fab'-SH, F(ab')₂, Fv or scFv fragment.
493. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 443-452, wherein the isolated antibody is an inert antibody.
494. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 443-452, wherein the isolated antibody is an antagonist antibody.
495. The isolated antibody of embodiment 494, wherein the isolated antibody inhibits one or more TREM2 activities.
496. The isolated antibody of embodiment 495, wherein the one or more TREM2 activities are selected from the group consisting of decreasing activity of one or more TREM2-dependent genes; decreasing activity of one or more nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) transcription factors; decreasing the survival of macrophages, microglial cells, monocytes, osteoclasts, Langerhans cells of skin, Kupffer cells, and/or dendritic cells; and any combination thereof.
497. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 494-496, wherein the isolated antibody inhibits interaction between TREM2 and one or more TREM2 ligands, inhibits TREM2 signal transduction, or both.
498. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 493-497, wherein the antibody is incapable of binding an Fc-gamma receptor (FcγR).
499. The isolated antibody of embodiment 498, wherein the antibody has an IgG1 isotype.
500. The isolated antibody of embodiment 499, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG1 constant region.
501. The isolated antibody of embodiment 500, wherein the human IgG1 constant region comprises an Fc region.
502. The isolated antibody of embodiment 501, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.

503. The isolated antibody of embodiment 502, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.

504. The isolated antibody of embodiment 503, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of N297A, N297Q, D265A, L234A, L235A, C226S, C229S, P238S, E233P, L234V, P238A, A327Q, A327G, P329A, K322A, L234F, L235E, P331S, T394D, A330L, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

505. The isolated antibody of embodiment 504, wherein the Fc region further comprises an amino acid deletion at a position corresponding to glycine 236 according to EU numbering.

506. The isolated antibody of embodiment 499, wherein the antibody comprises a mouse IgG1 constant region.

507. The isolated antibody of embodiment 498, wherein the antibody has an IgG2 isotype.

508. The isolated antibody of embodiment 507, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG2 constant region.

509. The isolated antibody of embodiment 508, wherein the human IgG2 constant region comprises an Fc region.

510. The isolated antibody of embodiment 509, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.

511. The isolated antibody of embodiment 510, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.

512. The isolated antibody of embodiment 511, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of V234A, G237A, H268E, V309L, N297A, N297Q, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

513. The isolated antibody of embodiment 498, wherein the antibody has an IgG4 isotype.

514. The isolated antibody of embodiment 513, wherein the antibody comprises a human IgG4 constant region.

515. The isolated antibody of embodiment 514, wherein the human IgG4 constant region comprises an Fc region.

516. The isolated antibody of embodiment 515, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more modifications.

517. The isolated antibody of embodiment 516, wherein the Fc region comprises one or more amino acid substitutions.

518. The isolated antibody of embodiment 517, wherein the one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of E233P, F234V, L235A, G237A, E318A, S228P, L236E, S241P, L248E, T394D, M252Y, S254T, T256E, N297A, N297Q, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

519. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 443-518, wherein the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, and a disease variant of TREM2.

520. The isolated antibody of embodiment 519, wherein the fragment is an Fab, Fab', Fab'-SH, F(ab')₂, Fv or scFv fragment.

521. The isolated antibody of embodiment 475, embodiment 504, or embodiment 505, wherein the Fc region further comprises one or more additional amino acid substitutions at a position selected from the group consisting of A330L, L234F; L235E, P331S, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

522. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 465-521, wherein the Fc region further comprises one or more additional amino acid substitutions at a position selected from the group consisting of M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

523. The isolated antibody of embodiment 487 or embodiment 518, wherein the Fc region further comprises a serine to proline amino acid substitution at position 228 according to EU numbering.
524. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 443-523, wherein the antibody is a human antibody, a humanized antibody, a bispecific antibody, a multivalent antibody, or a chimeric antibody.
525. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 443-524, wherein the antibody is a bispecific antibody recognizing a first antigen and a second antigen.
526. The isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 443-525, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.
527. The isolated antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments, wherein the isolated antibody binds specifically to both human TREM2 and mouse TREM2.
528. The isolated antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments, wherein the isolated antibody has dissociation constant (K_D) for human TREM2 and mouse TREM2 that ranges from less than about 6.70 nM to less than about 0.23 nM.
529. The isolated antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments, wherein the isolated antibody has dissociation constant (K_D) for human TREM2-Fc fusion protein that ranges from less than about 0.71 nM to less than about 0.23 nM.
530. The isolated antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments, wherein the isolated antibody has dissociation constant (K_D) for human monomeric TREM2 protein that ranges from less than about 6.70 nM to less than about 0.66 nM.
531. The isolated antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments, wherein the isolated antibody has dissociation constant (K_D) for mouse TREM2-Fc fusion protein that ranges from less than about 4.90 nM to less than about 0.35 nM.
532. An isolated nucleic acid encoding the antibody of any one of the preceding embodiments.
533. A vector comprising the nucleic acid of embodiment 532.

534. A host cell comprising the vector of embodiment 533.
535. A method of producing an antibody, comprising culturing the cell of embodiment 534 so that the antibody is produced.
536. The method of embodiment 535, further comprising recovering the antibody produced by the cell.
537. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody of any one of embodiments 303-531 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
538. A method of preventing, reducing risk, or treating an individual having a disease, disorder, or injury selected from the group consisting of dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, mixed dementia, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, normal pressure hydrocephalus, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Taupathy disease, Nasu-Hakola disease, stroke, acute trauma, chronic trauma, lupus, acute and chronic colitis, wound healing, Crohn's disease, inflammatory bowel disease, ulcerative colitis, obesity, Malaria, essential tremor, central nervous system lupus, Behcet's disease, Parkinson's disease, dementia with Lewy bodies, multiple system atrophy, Shy-Drager syndrome, progressive supranuclear palsy, cortical basal ganglionic degeneration, acute disseminated encephalomyelitis, granulomatous disorders, Sarcoidosis, diseases of aging, seizures, spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, age related macular degeneration, glaucoma, retinitis pigmentosa, retinal degeneration, respiratory tract infection, sepsis, eye infection, systemic infection, lupus, arthritis, multiple sclerosis, low bone density, osteoporosis, osteogenesis, osteopetrotic disease, Paget's disease of bone, and cancer, comprising administering to the individual a therapeutically effective amount of an isolated antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein.
539. A method of inducing or promoting innate immune cell survival or wound healing an individual in need thereof, comprising administering to the individual a therapeutically effective amount of an isolated agonist antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein.
540. The method of embodiment 538 or embodiment 539, wherein the isolated antibody is:
- i. (a) an agonist antibody;
 - (b) an inert antibody; or an

(c) an antagonist antibody.

541. The method of embodiment 540, wherein:

- i. (a) the antibody is of the IgG class the IgM class, or the IgA class; and/or
- ii. (b) the antibody has an IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, or IgG4 isotype

542. The method of embodiment 541, wherein the antibody comprises one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region are at a residue position selected from the group consisting of:

- i. (a) V234A, G237A, H268Q, V309L, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, S267E, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof;
- ii. (b) N297A, D265A, L234A, L235A, G237A, C226S, C229S, E233P, L234V, L234F, L235E, P331S, S267E, L328F, A330L, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof;
- iii. (c) L235A, G237A, S228P, L236E, S267E, E318A, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof;
- iv. (d) N297A, N297Q, D265A, L234A, L235A, C226S, C229S, P238S, E233P, L234V, P238A, A327Q, A327G, P329A, K322A, L234F, L235E, P331S, T394D, A330L, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof;
- v. (e) V234A, G237A, H268E, V309L, N297A, N297Q, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof; or
- vi. (f) E233P, F234V, L235A, G237A, E318A, S228P, L236E, S241P, L248E, T394D, M252Y, S254T, T256E, N297A, N297Q, and any combination thereof,
- vii. wherein the numbering of the residues is according to EU numbering.

543. The method of ant one of embodiments 538-542, wherein the isolated antibody:

- i. (a) binds to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1; or
- ii. (b) one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 49-57 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 49-57 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

544. The method of any one of embodiments 538-543, wherein the isolated antibody:

- i. (a) binds essentially the same TREM2 epitope as the antibody Ab52;
- ii. (b) comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and/or HVR-H3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab52; and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and/or HVR-L3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab52;
- iii. (c) comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:398, or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:398, an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:399 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:399, and an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:400 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:400, and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:401 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:401, an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:402 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:402, and an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:403 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:403;
- iv. (d) binds essentially the same TREM2 epitope as the antibody Ab21;
- v. (e) comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises the HVR-H1, HVR-H2, and/or HVR-H3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab21; and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises the HVR-L1, HVR-L2, and/or HVR-L3 of the monoclonal antibody Ab21; or
- vi. (f) comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:404 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:404, an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of

SEQ ID NO:405 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:405, and an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:406 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:406, and/or wherein the light chain variable domain comprises an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:407 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:407, an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:408 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:408, and an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:409 or an amino acid sequence with at least about 95% homology to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:409.

545. The method of embodiment 538, wherein the isolated antibody is the isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-531.

546. The method of embodiment 539, wherein the isolated agonist antibody is the isolated antibody of any one of embodiments 303-385, 420-492, and 519-531.

547. The method of any one of embodiments 538 and 540-545, wherein the individual has a heterozygous variant of TREM2, wherein the variant comprises one or more substitutions selected from the group consisting of:

- viii. a glutamic acid to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Glu14 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- ix. a glutamine to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Gln33 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- x. a tryptophan to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Trp44 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- xi. an arginine to histidine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Arg47 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- xii. a tryptophan to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Trp78 of SEQ ID NO: 1;

- xiii. a valine to glycine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Val126 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- xiv. an aspartic acid to glycine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Asp134 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and
- viii. a lysine to asparagine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Lys186 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

548. The method of any one of embodiments 538, 540-545, and 547, wherein the individual has a heterozygous variant of TREM2, wherein the variant comprises a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G313 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 1; a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G267 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 1; or both.

549. The method of any one of embodiments 538, 540-545, and 547-548, wherein the individual has a heterozygous variant of DAP12, wherein the variant comprises one or more variants selected from the group consisting of:

- vi. a methionine to threonine substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Met1 of SEQ ID NO: 2;
- vii. a glycine to arginine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Gly49 of SEQ ID NO: 2;
- viii. a deletion within exons 1-4 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2;
- ix. an insertion of 14 amino acid residues at exon 3 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2; and
- x. a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G141 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2.

550. The method of any one of embodiments 538 and 540-545, wherein the cancer is selected from the group consisting of bladder cancer, brain cancer, breast cancer, colon cancer, rectal cancer, endometrial cancer, kidney cancer, renal cell cancer, renal pelvis cancer, leukemia, lung cancer, melanoma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, ovarian cancer, fibrosarcoma, and thyroid cancer.

551. The method of any one of embodiments 538 and 540-545, and 550, further comprising administering to the individual at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory checkpoint molecule, and/or another standard or investigational anti-cancer therapy.

552. The method of embodiment 551, wherein the at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory checkpoint molecule is administered in combination with the isolated antibody.

553. The method of embodiment 551 or embodiment 552, wherein the at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory checkpoint molecule is selected from the group consisting of an anti-PD-L1 antibody, an anti-CTLA4 antibody, an anti-PD-L2 antibody, an anti-PD-1 antibody, an anti-B7-H3 antibody, an anti-B7-H4 antibody, and anti-HVEM antibody, an anti- B- and T-lymphocyte attenuator (BTLA) antibody, an anti-Killer inhibitory receptor (KIR) antibody, an anti-GAL9 antibody, an anti-TIM3 antibody, an anti-A2AR antibody, an anti-LAG-3 antibody, an anti-phosphatidylserine antibody, an anti-CD27 antibody, and any combination thereof.

554. The method of embodiment 551, wherein the standard or investigational anti-cancer therapy is one or more therapies selected from the group consisting of radiotherapy, cytotoxic chemotherapy, targeted therapy, imatinib (Gleevec®), trastuzumab (Herceptin®), adoptive cell transfer (ACT), chimeric antigen receptor T cell transfer (CAR-T), vaccine therapy, and cytokine therapy.

555. The method of any one of embodiments 538, 540-545, and 550, further comprising administering to the individual at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory cytokine.

556. The method of embodiment 555, wherein the at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory cytokine is administered in combination with the isolated antibody.

557. The method of embodiment 555 or embodiment 556, wherein the at least one antibody that specifically binds to an inhibitory cytokine is selected from the group consisting of an anti-CCL2 antibody, an anti-CSF-1 antibody, an anti-IL-2 antibody, and any combination thereof.

558. The method of any one of embodiments 538, 540-545, and 550, further comprising administering to the individual at least one agonistic antibody that specifically binds to a stimulatory checkpoint protein.

559. The method of embodiment 558, wherein the at least one agonistic antibody that specifically binds to a stimulatory checkpoint protein is administered in combination with the isolated antibody.

560. The method of embodiment 558 or embodiment 559, wherein the at least one agonistic antibody that specifically binds to a stimulatory checkpoint protein is selected from the group consisting of an agonist anti-CD40 antibody, an agonist anti-OX40 antibody, an agonist anti-ICOS antibody, an agonist anti-CD28 antibody, an agonist anti-CD137/4-1BB antibody, an agonist anti-CD27 antibody, an agonist anti-glucocorticoid-induced TNFR-related protein GITR antibody, and any combination thereof.

561. The method of any one of embodiments 538, 540-545, and 550, further comprising administering to the individual at least one stimulatory cytokine.

562. The method of embodiment 561, wherein the at least one stimulatory cytokine is administered in combination with the isolated antibody.

563. The method of embodiment 561 or embodiment 562, wherein the at least one stimulatory cytokine is selected from the group consisting of TNF- α , IL-10, IL-6, IL-8, CRP, TGF-beta members of the chemokine protein families, IL20 family member, IL-33, LIF, OSM, CNTF, TGF-beta, IL-11, IL-12, IL-17, IL-8, CRP, IFN- α , IFN- β , IL-2, IL-18, GM-CSF, G-CSF, and any combination thereof.

[0444] The invention will be more fully understood by reference to the following Examples. They should not, however, be construed as limiting the scope of the invention. All citations throughout the disclosure are hereby expressly incorporated by reference.

EXAMPLES

Example 1: Production, identification, and characterization of agonist anti-TREM2 and anti-DAP12 antibodiesIntroduction

[0445] The amino acid sequence of the human TREM2 preprotein is set forth below in SEQ ID NO: 1. Human TREM2 contains a signal peptide located at amino residues 1-18 of SEQ ID NO: 1. Human TREM2 contains an extracellular immunoglobulin-like variable-type (IgV) domain located at amino residues 29-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1; additional extracellular sequences located at amino residues 113-174 of SEQ ID NO: 1; a transmembrane domain located at amino residues 175-195 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and an intracellular domain located at amino residues 196-230 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

[0446] TREM2 amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 1):

10	20	30	40	50	60
MEPLRLILL	FVTELSGAHN	TTVFQGVAGQ	SLQVSCPYS	MKHWGRRKAW	CRQLGEGKGPC
70	80	90	100	110	120
QRVVSTHNLW	LLSFLRRWNG	STAITDDTLG	GTLTITLRNL	QPHDAGLYQC	QSLHGSEADT
130	140	150	160	170	180
LRKVLVEVLA	DPLDHRDAGD	LWFPGESESF	EDAHVEHSIS	RSLLGEIIPF	PPTSILLLLA
190	200	210	220	230	
CIFLIKILAA	SALWAAAWHG	QKPGTHPPSE	LDCGHDPGYQ	LQTLPLGLRDT	

[0447] A known feature of human TREM2 is that the transmembrane domain contains a lysine (aa186) that can interact with an aspartic acid in DAP12, a key adaptor protein that transduces signaling from TREM2, TREM1, and other related IgV family members.

[0448] A BLAST analysis of human TREM2 identified 18 related homologues. These homologues included the Natural Killer (NK) cell receptor NK-p44 (NCTR2), the polymeric immunoglobulin receptor (pIgR), CD300E, CD300A, CD300C, and TREML1/TLT1. The closest homologue was identified as NCTR2, having similarity with TREM2 within the IgV domain (**FIG. 1A**). A BLAST analysis also compared TREM proteins with other IgV family proteins (**FIG. 1B**).

[0449] TREM2 is also closely related to TREM1. An alignment of the amino acid sequences of TREM1 and TREM2 was generated by 2-way blast (**FIG. 2A**). This is limited to the IgV domain as well.

[0450] Agonistic antibodies for TREM1, NK-p44, and other members of this family have been previously described. Antibodies that bind the extracellular domain of TREM2, particularly the IgV domain (amino acid residues 29-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1) are generated using mouse hybridoma technology, phage display technology, and yeast display technology. Antibodies are then screened for their ability to activate TREM2 signaling and functions in cells and in a whole animal *in vivo* as described in Examples 2-39 below.

[0451] For example, agonist anti-TREM2 antibodies can be produced that target the IgV domain (amino acid residues 29-112). IgV domains bind to targets, and through multimerization of receptors, such as IgG itself or NKp44, lead to activation. Thus these domains are rational targets for agonistic antibodies. They are also highly divergent.

[0452] Agonist anti-TREM2 antibodies can also be produced that target amino acid residues 99-115 of human TREM2. It is believed that amino acid residues 99-115 correspond to a peptide that block binding of TREM2 to its endogenous target, as the corresponding peptide in mouse TREM1 (amino acid residues 83-99) block binding of TREM1 to its endogenous target (Gibot et al., Infect. Immunity 2004). The mouse TREM1 peptide is called LP17 (LQVTDSGLYRCVIYHPP (SEQ ID NO: 414)). The equivalent region in human TREM2 is located within the CD3 domain and is located at amino acid residues 99-115 of SEQ ID NO: 1 (LQPHDAGLYQCQSLHG). Antibodies that block ligand binding could activate the receptors similar to the ligand itself.

[0453] Another approach for predicting a relevant (*e.g.*, agonistic) site within the human TREM2 protein is by targeting the sites where the mutations are found in Alzheimer's disease (*e.g.*, R47H), Polycystic lipomembranous osteodysplasia with sclerosing leukoencephalopathy (PLOS), or Nasu-Hakola disease. Also relevant is the site of the major mutations associated with human disease, which are generally found within the IgV domain.

[0454] The crystal structures of the TREM2-related structures of TREM1 (Kelker, MS et al., J Mol Biol, 2004. 344(5): p. 1175-81; Kelker, MS et al., J Mol Biol, 2004. 342(4): p. 1237-48; and Radaev, S et al., Structure, 2003. 11(12): p. 1527-35), TLT1 (Gattis, JL et al., J Biol Chem, 2006. 281(19): p. 13396-403), and NKp44 have been described, and thus structural regions/features are identified within the IgV domain that are particularly likely to play a central role in interacting with natural agonists. These studies support the belief that the complementary determining regions (CDR1, CDR2, CDR3) play a major role in ligand binding. TREM1 has been reported to be either monomeric (Gattis, JL et al., J Biol Chem, 2006. 281(19): p. 13396-403) or dimeric (Radaev, S et al., Structure, 2003. 11(12): p. 1527-35) *in vitro* under cell-free conditions, but its oligomeric state *in vivo* remains unclear, as well as that of TREM2.

[0455] The amino acid sequence of human DAP12 is set forth below as SEQ ID NO: 2:

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      10      20      30      40      50      60
MGGLEPCSRLLLLPLLLAVSGLRPVQAQAQSDCSCSTVSPGVLAGIVMGDLVLTVLIALA
      70      80      90     100     110
VYFLGRLVPRGRGAEEAATRKQRITETESPYQELQGQRSDVYSDLNTQRPYYK

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[0456] DAP12 is a single-pass type I membrane protein. It contains an extracellular domain located at amino acid residues 22-40 of human DAP12 (SEQ ID NO: 2); a transmembrane domain located at amino acid residues 41-61 of human DAP12 (SEQ ID NO: 2); and an intracellular domain located at amino acid residues 62-113 of human DAP12 (SEQ ID NO: 2). The immunoreceptor tyrosine-based activation motif (ITAM) domain of DAP12 is located at amino acid residues 80-118 of human DAP12 (SEQ ID NO: 2). An aspartic acid in DAP12 interacts with the transmembrane domain of human TREM2 containing a lysine at amino acid residue 186, and transduces signaling from TREM2, TREM1, and other related IgV family member proteins.

[0457] Agonist anti-DAP12 antibodies can be produced that target amino acid residues 22-40 of the human DAP12. It is believed that DAP12 is a disulfide-bonded dimer, associating with TREM2, and that dimerizing DAP12 with an antibody against the extra cellular domain encompassing amino acid residues 22-40 will activate one or more TREM2 and/or DAP12 activities.

[0458] The studies discussed herein describe the generation of agonist antibodies that bind TREM2. Antibodies were screened for binding to TREM2 expressing cells and for their ability to activate TREM2 signaling and functionality.

Results

Anti-TREM2 antibody production

[0459] Antibodies that bind the extracellular domain of TREM2, particularly the IgV domain (amino acid residues 29-112 of SEQ ID NO: 1) were generated using the following procedure. Eight naïve human synthetic yeast libraries each of $\sim 10^9$ diversity were designed, generated, and propagated as described previously (see, e.g., WO2009036379; WO2010105256; WO2012009568; Xu *et al.*, (2013) *Protein. Eng. Des. Sel.* 26(10):663-670). The ADIMAB yeast-based antibody discovery platform used herein allowed for the identification of fully human, full-length, monoclonal IgG1 antibodies with broad epitopic coverage. The ADIMAB yeast is engineered to transport high quality, whole IgGs through the secretory pathway, and then present them on the surface or secrete them directly into the medium.

[0460] For the first rounds of selection, a magnetic bead sorting technique utilizing the Miltenyi MACs system was performed, as previously described (Siegel *et al.*, (2004) *J. Immunol. Methods* 286(1-2):141-53). Briefly, yeast cells ($\sim 10^{10}$ cells/library) were incubated with 3 ml of 200 nM biotinylated TREM2 antigen or 10 nM biotinylated TREM2-Fc fusion antigen for 15 min at room temperature in FACS wash buffer PBS with 0.1% BSA. Biotinylations were performed using the EZ-Link Sulfo-NHS-Biotinylation Kit (Thermo Scientific, Cat #21425). After washing once with 50 ml ice-cold wash buffer, the cell pellet was resuspended in 40 mL wash buffer, and 500 μ l Streptavidin MicroBeads (Miltenyi Biotec, Bergisch Gladbach, Germany. Cat # 130-048-101) were added to the yeast and incubated for 15 min at 4°C. Next, the yeast were pelleted, resuspended in 5 mL wash buffer, and loaded onto a MACS LS column (Miltenyi Biotec, Bergisch Gladbach, Germany. Cat.# 130-042-401). After the 5 mL was loaded, the column was washed 3 times with 3 ml FACS wash buffer. The column was then removed from the magnetic field, and the yeast were eluted with 5 mL of growth media and then grown overnight. The following three rounds of sorting were performed using flow cytometry.

Approximately 1×10^8 yeast were pelleted, washed three times with wash buffer, and incubated with 200 nM, 100, or 10 biotinylated TREM2 for 10 min at room temperature respectively. Yeast were then washed twice and stained with goat anti-human F(ab')₂ kappa-FITC diluted 1:100 (Southern Biotech, Birmingham, Alabama, Cat# 2062-02) and either streptavidin-Alexa Fluor 633 (Life Technologies, Grand Island, NY, Cat # S21375) diluted 1:500 or Extravidin-phycoerythrin (Sigma-Aldrich, St Louis, Cat # E4011) diluted 1:50 secondary reagents for 15 min at 4°C. After washing twice with ice-cold wash buffer, the cell pellets were resuspended in 0.4 mL wash buffer and transferred to strainer-capped sort tubes. Sorting was performed using a FACS ARIA sorter (BD Biosciences) and sort gates were determined to select only TREM2 binding clones for two rounds and the third round was a negative sort to decrease reagent binders. After the final round of sorting, yeast were plated and individual colonies were picked for characterization.

[0461] Yeast clones were grown to saturation and then induced for 48 h at 30°C with shaking. After induction, yeast cells were pelleted and the supernatants were harvested for purification. IgGs were purified using a Protein A column and eluted with acetic acid, pH 2.0. Fab fragments were generated by papain digestion and purified over KappaSelect (GE Healthcare LifeSciences, Cat # 17-5458-01). Two antibodies (Ab21 and Ab52) were selected for further analysis.

Heavy chain and light chain variable domain sequences of antibodies Ab21 and Ab52

[0462] Using standard techniques, the amino acid sequences encoding the heavy chain variable (**FIG. 2B**) and the light chain variable (**FIG. 2C**) domain of antibody Ab21 and antibody Ab52 were determined.

[0463] The Kabat CDR sequences of antibody Ab21 and antibody Ab52 are set forth in Table 1.

[0464] The amino acid sequence of the heavy chain variable domain of antibody Ab21 is: EVQLVQSGAEVKKPGESLKISCKGSGYSFTTYWIGWVRQMPGKGLEWMGIYPGDS DTR YSPSFQGGQVTISADKSISTAYLQWSSLKASDTAMYYCARAGHYDGGH LGMDVWGQGT TVTVSS (SEQ ID NO:410), and the amino acid sequence of the light chain variable domain of antibody 21 is:

EIVMTQSPGTLSPGERATLSCRASQSVSSSYLAWYQQKPGQAPRLLIYGASNRATGIPD
RFSGSGSGTDFTLTISRLEPEDFAVYYCQQDDSAFYTFGGGTKVEIK (SEQ ID NO:411).

[0465] The amino acid sequence of the heavy chain variable domain of antibody Ab52 is:
QVQLVQSGAEVKKPGASVKVSCKASGYTFTSYIHWVRQAPGQGLEWMGIINPSGGST
SYAQKFQGRVTMTRDTSTSTVYMESSLRSEDFAVYYCAREADDSSGYPLGLDVWGQG
TMVTVSS (SEQ ID NO:412), and the amino acid sequence of the light chain variable domain
of antibody 52 is:

EIVMTQSPATLSVSPGERATLSCRASQSVSSNLAWYQQKPGQAPRLLIYGASTRATGIPA
RFSGSGSGTEFTLTISLQSEDFAVYYCQQVNSLPPTFGGGTKVEIK (SEQ ID NO:413).

Table 1A: Kabat heavy chain CDR sequences

Antibody Name	CDR H1	CDR H2	CDR H3
Ab21	YSFTTYWIG (SEQ ID NO:404)	IIYPGDS DTRYSPSFQG (SEQ ID NO:405)	ARAGHYDGGHLGMDV (SEQ ID NO:406)
Ab52	YTFTSYIHW (SEQ ID NO:398)	IINPSGGSTSYAQKFQG (SEQ ID NO:399)	AREADDSSGYPLGLDV (SEQ ID NO:400)

Table 1B: Kabat lightchain CDR sequences

Antibody Name	CDR L1	CDR L2	CDR L3
Ab21	RASQSVSSSYLA (SEQ ID NO:407)	GASNRAT (SEQ ID NO:408)	QQDDSAFYT (SEQ ID NO:409)
Ab52	RASQSVSSNLA (SEQ ID NO:401)	GASTRAT (SEQ ID NO:402)	QQVNSLPPT (SEQ ID NO:403)

Characterization of Ab21 and Ab52 binding

[0466] Initial characterization of TREM2 antibodies involved determining their ability to bind TREM2 expressed on dendritic and other primary human or mouse immune cells. Cells were harvested, plated at 10^5 /ml in a 96 well plate, washed, and incubated in 100ul PBS containing 10-50 ug/ml Mab and Fc blocking reagent for 1 hour in ice. Cells were then washed twice and incubated in 100ul PBS containing 5ug/ml PE-conjugated secondary antibody for 30

minutes in ice. Cells were washed twice in cold PBS and acquired on a BD FACS Canto. Data analysis and calculation of MFI values was performed with FlowJo (TreeStar) software version 10.0.7.

[0467] Antibodies Ab21, Ab52, Ab16, Ab20, Ab66, and Ab68 demonstrated binding to a mouse cell line (BWZ T2) expressing recombinant mouse TREM2, as indicated by positive TREM2 antibody staining detected via FACS analysis (black outlined histograms) (**FIG. 3A**). Antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 demonstrated antibody binding to WT (Trem +/+) bone marrow derived mouse macrophages (BMMac, mMac), but not to TREM2 deficient (TREM2 -/-) mouse macrophages (BMMac, mMac) (**FIG. 3B**). Antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 demonstrated binding to both a human cell line (293) expressing recombinant Human TREM2 (**FIG. 4A**) and to primary human dendritic cells (hDC) (**FIG. 4B**). Conversely, antibodies Ab43 and Ab60 bound to a human cell line expressing recombinant human TREM2 (**FIG. 4A**), but did not bind to primary human dendritic cells (**FIG. 4B**).

[0468] Mean fluorescent intensities (MFI) values for cell types bound by TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 are listed in Table 4. Binding is compared to the parental mouse cell line (mTREM2 cell line BWZ parental), primary human cell line (hTREM2 Parental Cell line (293)), primary mouse macrophages deficient in TREM2 (mMac KO MFI), and primary mouse dendritic cells deficient in TREM2 (mDC KO MFI).

Table 4: TREM2 Antibody Binding to Human and Mouse Cells

Antibody	mTREM2 Cell line (BWZ- parental) MFI	mTREM2 Cell line (BWZ T2) MFI	hTREM2 Parental Cell line (293) MFI	hTREM2 Cell line (293) MFI	mMac KO MFI	mMac WT MFI	mDC KO MFI	mDC WT MFI	hDC % positive
Ab52	1021	15613	89	1411	73.3	174.0	203	663	69.1
Ab21	1036	13840	81	1884	64.7	111.0	187	464	77.1

[0469] The binding affinity of each anti-TREM2 antibody was determined by measuring their K_D by ForteBio or MSD-SET. ForteBio affinity measurements were performed as previously described (Estep *et al*, (2013) *MAbs* 5(2):270-8). Briefly, ForteBio affinity measurements were

performed by loading IgGs on-line onto AHQ sensors. Sensors were equilibrated off-line in assay buffer for 30 min and then monitored on-line for 60 seconds for baseline establishment. Sensors with loaded IgGs were exposed to 100 nM antigen for 5 minutes, then transferred to assay buffer for 5 min for off-rate measurement. Kinetics were analyzed using the 1:1 binding model.

[0470] Equilibrium affinity measurements were performed as previously described (Estep *et al*, (2013) *MAbs* 5(2):270-8). Solution equilibrium titrations (SET) were performed in PBS + 0.1% IgG-Free BSA (PBSF) with antigen held constant at 50 pM and incubated with 3-to 5-fold serial dilutions of antibody starting at 10 nM. Antibodies (20 nM in PBS) were coated onto standard bind MSD-ECL plates overnight at 4°C or at room temperature for 30 min. Plates were then blocked for 30 min with shaking at 700 rpm, followed by three washes with wash buffer (PBSF + 0.05% Tween 20). SET samples were applied and incubated on the plates for 150s with shaking at 700 rpm followed by one wash. Antigen captured on a plate was detected with 250ng/mL sulfotag-labeled streptavidin in PBSF by incubation on the plate for 3 min. The plates were washed three times with wash buffer and then read on the MSD Sector Imager 2400 instrument using 1x Read Buffer T with surfactant. The percent free antigen was plotted as a function of titrated antibody in Prism and fit to a quadratic equation to extract the K_D . To improve throughput, liquid handling robots were used throughout MSD-SET experiments, including SET sample preparation.

[0471] Table 5 lists values representing the binding affinity (K_D) of antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 to a human TREM2 Fc fusion protein (hTREM2-Fc), a human monomeric His tagged TREM2 protein (hTREM2-HIS), and a mouse TREM2 Fc fusion protein (mTREM2-Fc).

Table 5: Binding affinity of TREM2 antibodies

Antibody	IgG K_D hTREM2-Fc (M) Avid	IgG K_D hTREM2-HIS (M) Monovalent	IgG K_D mTREM2-Fc (M) Avid
Ab52	1.51E-09	5.75E-09	8.96E-11
Ab21	3.44E-10	1.14E-09	2.27E-10

Example 2: Normalization and reduction of Toll-like receptor (TLR) responses in dendritic cells by agonistic TREM2, DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies

[0472] Bone marrow-derived dendritic cells (BMDC) are stimulated by culturing with TLR ligands, such as LPS, CpG DNA, and zymosan, for 16 h. Conditioned media is collected and ELISA assays are performed in order to evaluate secretion of the cytokines IFN- α 4, IFN- β , IL-6, IL-12 p70, and TNF. It is believed that BMDC cells that do not have active TREM2 may secrete significantly more IL-12, p70, and TNF than BMDC cells that have activated TREM2 after stimulation. It is further believed that anti-TREM2 agonistic antibodies will reduce the expression levels of IL-12, p70, and TNF. Bone marrow-derived dendritic cells from wild-type and from TREM2-heterozygous mice, which would have partially inactive TREM2, will serve as positive controls for determining expression levels of the cytokines IL-12, p70, and TNF, as well as their modulation by agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies.

[0473] Cytokine concentrations in the culture supernatants are determined using mouse IFN- α 4, IFN- β , IL-6, IL-12 p70, TNF, and IL-10 ELISA kits (eBioscience) and VeriKine Mouse IFN- β ELISA kit (PBL interferon source) according to manufacturer's protocol. Levels of mRNA for these cytokines are also measured by Quantitative RT-PCR (qRT-PCR). Total RNA is prepared by using RNeasy plus mini kit (QIAGEN) is reverse-transcribed with Superscript III Reverse Transcriptase (Invitrogen) using oligo dT primer according to manufacturer's protocol. Quantitative PCR is performed using the Power SYBR Green PCR Master Mix (Applied Biosystems) and 7900HT (Applied Biosystems) according to manufacturer's protocol. The sequences of IFN- α 4, IFN- β , IL-6, IL-12 p70, and TNF primers are as described. (*e.g.*, Hamerman, JA, Eur. J. Immunol. 2012. 42: 176–185).

Example 3: Normalization and reduction of the ability of BMDCs to induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation by agonistic TREM2, DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies

[0474] It is believed that agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies may reduce and normalize the ability of bone marrow-derived dendritic cells (BMDC) to induce antigen-specific T-cell proliferation.

[0475] Ovalbumin (OVA)-specific T-cell response induced by BMDCs can be determined by CFSE dilution. BMDCs are isolated by MACS after 6 days of culture and plated at 1×10^4 cells per well of a round bottom 96 well plate with OVA (2 or 0.5 mg/mL) and CpG DNA (100 or 25 nM) in the presence of GM-CSF (10 ng/mL) for 4 h. CD4 T-cells from the spleen and lymph nodes of OT-II transgenic mice are isolated by using Dynal Mouse CD4 Negative Isolation Kit (Invitrogen) and stained with CFSE (final 0.8 mM). After 4 h of DC culture, 1×10^5 CFSE-labeled CD4 OT-II T-cells are added into each well and incubated for 72 h. After culturing, cells are stained with an anti-CD4 monoclonal antibody and flow cytometry is performed to detect CFSE dilution of gated CD4 OT-II T-cells. Data analysis to calculate the percentage of divided and division index is performed by Flowjo software (Treestar) (Eur. J. Immunol. 2012. 42: 176–185).

Example 4: Normalization and reduction of Toll-like receptor (TLR) responses in macrophages by agonistic TREM2, DAP12, and/or TEM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies

[0476] Bone marrow-derived macrophages (BMDM) or primary peritoneal macrophage responses are altered to TLR signaling by deficiency of TREM2 (Turnbull, IR et al., J Immunol 2006; 177:3520-3524). It is believed that agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies may reduce and normalize TLR responses in macrophages.

[0477] To elicit primary macrophages, mice are treated with 1.5 ml of 2% thioglycollate medium by intraperitoneal injection, and cells are then isolated by peritoneal lavage. To generate BMDM, total bone marrow is cultured in DMEM supplemented with 10% bovine calf serum, 5% horse serum, and 6 ng/ml recombinant human CSF-1 (R&D Systems). Cells are cultured for 5-6 days, and adherent cells are detached with 1m MEDTA in PBS. Cells are stained with commercially available antibodies: anti-CD11b, anti-CD40, anti- GR1 (BD Pharmingen), and F4/80 (Caltag Laboratories).

[0478] BMDM are re-plated and allowed to adhere for 4 h at 37°C, and then TLR agonists, such as LPS (*Salmonella abortus equi*), zymosan (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*), and CpG 1826 DNA (purchased from *e.g.*, Sigma-Aldrich) are added. Cell culture supernatant is collected 24 h

after stimulation and the levels of IFN- α 4, IFN- β , IL-6, IL-12 p70, and TNF cytokines are measured by ELISA or by cytometric bead array (BD Biosciences mouse inflammation kit).

Example 5: Induction of the anti-inflammatory cytokine IL-10 in bone marrow-derived myeloid precursor cells by agonistic TREM2, DAP12, and/or TEM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies

[0479] It is believed that bone marrow-derived myeloid precursor cells may show an increase in the anti-inflammatory cytokine IL-10 following treatment with agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies and stimulation with 100 ng/ml LPS (Sigma), by co-culturing with apoptotic cells, or by a similar stimulus.

[0480] Isolation of bone marrow-derived myeloid precursor cells is performed as follows. Bone marrow cells are isolated from adult 6-8 week-old female C57BL/6 mice (Charles River, Sulzfeld, Germany) from the medullary cavities of the tibia and femur of the hind limbs. Removal of erythrocytes is performed by lysis with hypotonic solution. Cells are cultured in DMEM medium (Invitrogen) containing 10% fetal calf serum (Pan Biotech) and 10 ng/ml of GM-CSF (R&D Systems) in 75 cm² culture flasks (Greiner Bio-One). After 24 h, non-adherent cells are collected and re-seeded in fresh 75 cm² culture flasks. Medium is changed after 5 d and cells are cultured for an additional 10-11 d. The remaining cells are bone marrow-derived myeloid precursor cells, and are transduced with TREM2 virus. The transduced cells are then examined for the level of IL-10 in conditioned media in both the presence and absence of anti-TREM2 agonistic antibodies and LPS. Supernatant is collected after 24 h, and the level of IL-10 released from the cells is determined by IL-10 ELISA according to manufacturer's instructions (QuantikineM mouse IL-10, R&D Systems) (JEM (2005), 201; 647–657; and PLoS Medicine (2004), 4 | Issue 4 | e124).

Example 6: Induction of phagocytosis of apoptotic neurons, nerve tissue debris, non-nerve tissue debris, bacteria, other foreign bodies, and disease-causing proteins in cells from the myeloid lineage by agonistic TREM2, DAP12, and/or TEM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies

[0481] It is believed that agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies may induce phagocytosis of apoptotic neurons, nerve tissue debris, non-nerve tissue debris, bacteria, other foreign bodies, and disease-causing proteins, such as A beta

peptide, alpha synuclain protein, Tau protein, TDP-43 protein, prion protein, and huntingtin protein, in cells from the myeloid lineage, such as monocytes and microglia.

[0482] Monocytes are isolated from peripheral blood that is collected from adult C57BL/6 mice. Hypotonic lysis buffer depletes erythrocytes. Cells are plated on culture dishes in RPMI medium (Invitrogen) containing 10% fetal calf serum (Pan Biotech). Cells are cultured for several hours at 37°C in 10% CO₂. After trypsinization, adherent cells are collected and used for phagocytosis experiments.

[0483] Microglial cells are prepared from the brains of post-natal day 3 to 5 (P3 to P5) C57BL/6 mice. In brief, meninges are removed mechanically, and the cells are dissociated by trituration and cultured in basal medium (BME; GIBCO BRL) supplemented with 10% FCS (PAN Biotech GmbH), 1% glucose (Sigma-Aldrich), 1% L-glutamine (GIBCO BRL), and 1% penicillin/streptomycin (GIBCO BRL), for 14 d to form a confluent glial monolayer. To collect microglial cells, the cultures are shaken on a rotary shaker (200 rpm) for 2 h. The attached astrocytes are used for immunohistochemistry. The detached microglial cells are seeded in normal culture dishes for 1 h, and then all non-adherent cells are removed and discarded. Purity of the isolated microglial cells is about 95% as determined by flow cytometry analysis with antibody directed against CD11b (BD Biosciences). Microglial cells are cultured in basal medium.

[0484] Oligodendrocytes (*i.e.*, neurons) and neuron-enriched cells are prepared from the brain of C57BL/6 mouse embryos (E15-16). In brief, brain tissue is isolated and mechanically dispersed and seeded in culture dishes pre-coated with 0.01 mg/ml poly-L-ornithin (Sigma-Aldrich) and 10 µg/ml laminin (Sigma-Aldrich). Cells are cultured in neuronal condition medium (BME; GIBCO BRL) supplemented with 2% B-27 supplement (GIBCO BRL), 1% glucose (Sigma-Aldrich), and 1% FCS (PAN Biotech GmbH). Cells are cultured for 5-10 d to obtain morphologically mature oligodendrocytes.

[0485] To conduct phagocytosis assays of apoptotic neurons, nerve tissue debris, non-nerve tissue debris, bacteria, other foreign bodies, and disease-causing proteins, microglia are transduced with sh-TREM2 RNA, sh-control RNA, wTREM2, GFP1 control, mtDAP12-GFP,

and GFP2 control vector. After transduction, microglia are cultured for 72 h to achieve effective knockdown of TREM2 by RNA interference. Neurons are cultured for 5-10 d, and okadaic acid is then added at the final concentration of 30 nM for 3 h to induce apoptosis. Neuronal cell membranes are labeled with CellTracker CM-DiI membrane dye (Molecular Probes). After incubation, apoptotic neurons or other targets of phagocytosis are washed two times and added to the transduced microglial culture at an effector/target ratio of 1:20. At 1 and 24 h after addition of apoptotic neurons, the number of microglia having phagocytosed neuronal cell membranes is counted under a confocal fluorescence microscope (Leica). Apoptotic cells are counted in three different areas at a magnification of 60. The amount of phagocytosis is confirmed by flow cytometry. Moreover, 24, 48, or 72 h after the addition of apoptotic neurons, cells are collected and used for RT-PCR of cytokines.

[0486] To conduct microsphere bead or bacterial phagocytosis assay, microglia are transduced with a TREM2 expression vector or a GFP control vector. Cells are then treated with anti-TREM2 agonistic antibodies. After 24 h, 1.00 μm of red fluorescent microsphere beads (Fluoresbrite Polychromatic Red Mi-crospheres; Polysciences Inc.) or, fluorescent labeled bacteria are added for 1 h. Phagocytosis of microsphere beads or, fluorescent labeled bacteria, by microglia is analyzed by fluorescence microscopy. Furthermore, microglia are collected from the culture plates and analyzed by flow cytometry. The percentage of microglia having phagocytosed beads is determined. Because phagocytosis varies from one experiment to the other, the relative change in phagocytosis is also determined. Data are shown as the relative change in phagocytosis between microglia cultured with agonistic antibodies and control antibody.

[0487] To conduct RT-PCR for analysis of inflammatory gene transcripts, microglia are transduced with a TREM2 vector or a GFP1 control vector. Cells are then cultured on dishes and treated with anti-TREM2 agonistic antibodies. After 24, 48, and 72 h, RNA is isolated from microglia using an RNeasy Mini Kit (QIAGEN). RNA is also collected from microglia that have been transduced with sh-TREM2 RNA, sh-control RNA, wTREM2, GFP2, mtDAP12-GFP, and GFP1 vector and co-cultured with apoptotic neurons for 48 h.

[0488] Reverse transcription of RNA is then performed. Quantitative RT-PCR by SYBR Green is performed on an ABI Prism 5700 Sequence Detection System (PerkinElmer). Amplification of GAPDH is used for sample normalization. The amplification protocol followed the GeneAmp 5700 Sequence Detection System Software (version 1.3). For detection of GAPDH, TNF- α , IL-1, NOS2, and TGF- β transcripts, the following forward and reverse primers were used at final concentrations of 200 nM:

GAPDH forward primer: 5'-CTCCACTCACGGCAAATTCAA-3' (SEQ ID NO: 416), and

GAPDH reverse primer: 5'-GATGACAAGCTTCCCATTCTCG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 417);

TNF- α forward primer: 5'-CCGTCAGCCGATTTGCTATCT-3' (SEQ ID NO: 418), and

TNF- α reverse primer: 5'-ACGGCAGAGAGGAGGTTGACTT-3' (SEQ ID NO: 419);

IL-1 α forward primer: 5'-ACAA- CAAAAAGCCTCGTGCTG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 420), and

IL-1 α reverse primer: 5'-CCATTGAGGTGGAGAGCTTTCA-3' (SEQ ID NO: 421);

NOS2 forward primer: 5'-GGCAAACCCAAGGTCTACGTTC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 422),

NOS2 reverse primer: 5'-TACCTCATTGGCCAGCTGCTT-3' (SEQ ID NO: 423); and

TGF- β 1 forward primer: 5'-AGGACCTGGGTTGGAAGTGG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 424), and

TGF- β 1 reverse primer: 5'-AGTTGGCATGGTAGCCCTTG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 425).

[0489] To conduct amyloid phagocytosis assay, HiLyteFluorTM 647 (Anaspec)-Abeta-(1–40) was resuspended in Tris/EDTA (pH 8.2) at 20 mM and then incubated in the dark for 3 d at 37°C to promote aggregation. Microglial cells are pretreated in low serum (0.5% FBS supplemented with insulin), LPS (50 ng/ml), IFN γ (100 units/ml), and anti-TREM2 agonistic antibodies for 24 h prior to the addition of aggregated fluorescently labeled a beta peptide. Amyloid phagocytosis and surface expression of TREM2 are determined by flow cytometric analysis 5 h post-addition of 100 nM aggregated HiLyteFluorTM 647–Ab-(1–40) (ASN NEURO (2010) 2(3): 157-170). Phagocytosis of other disease-causing proteins is conducted in a similar manner.

Example 7: Induction of ERK activation by agonistic TREM2, DAP12, and/or TEM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies

[0490] It is believed that agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies may induce ERK activation.

[0491] Microglia are transduced with a TREM2 vector, and 2×10^5 cells are exposed to agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies for 1 h. After stimulation, cells are lysed in reducing sample buffer for Western blot analysis. Phosphorylation of ERK and total amount of ERK are determined by immuno-detection with anti-phospho-ERK and anti-ERK antibodies, respectively (both from Cell Signaling Technology) by Western blot analysis (JEM (2005), 201, 647–657).

Example 8: Induction of CCR7 and migration toward CCL19 and CCL21 in microglia, macrophages, and dendritic cells by agonistic TREM2, DAP12, and/or TEM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies

[0492] It is believed that agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies may induce CCR7 and migration toward CCL19 and CCL21 in microglial cells, macrophages, and dendritic cells.

[0493] Microglial cells are transduced with a TREM2 vector or a GFP1 control vector. The transduced microglial cells are then either cultured with agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies, or with a control antibody. Cells are collected after 72 h, immuno-labeled with CCR7 specific anti-bodies, and analyzed by flow cytometry.

[0494] To determine any functional consequences of increased CCR7 expression, a chemotaxis assay is performed. Microglial cells are stimulated via TREM2 with the agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies and placed in a two-chamber system. The number of microglial cells migrating toward the chemokine ligands CCL19 and CCL21 is quantified (JEM (2005), 201, 647–657).

[0495] For the chemotaxis assay, microglial cells are exposed to the agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies and treated with 1 μ g/ml LPS.

Microglia are transferred into the upper chamber of a transwell system (3 μ m pore filter; Millipore) containing 450 μ l medium with 100 ng/ml CCL19 or CCL21 (both from PeproTech) in the lower chamber. After a 1 h incubation period, the number of microglial cells that have migrated to the lower chamber is counted in three independent areas by microscopy (JEM (2005), 201, 647–657).

Example 9: Induction of F-actin in microglia, macrophages, and dendritic cells by agonistic TREM2, DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies

[0496] It is believed that agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies may induce F-actin in microglial cells, macrophages, and dendritic cells.

[0497] Microglia and other cells of interest that are transduced with TREM2 or that express TREM2 are added to culture plates and then exposed to agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies, or a control antibody. Cells are fixed, blocked, and then stained with Alexa Fluor 546-conjugated phalloidin (Molecular Probes) after 1 h and F-actin is labeled with a fluorescence dye. Images are collected by confocal laser scanning microscopy with a 40x objective lens (Leica). (JEM (2005), 201, 647–657).

Example 10: Induction of osteoclast production and increased rate of osteoclastogenesis by agonistic TREM2, DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies

[0498] It is believed that agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies may induce osteoclast production and increase the rate of osteoclastogenesis.

[0499] RAW264.7 cells that make osteoclasts or bone marrow-derived monocyte/macrophage (BMM) precursor cells are maintained in RPMI-1640 medium (Mediatech), or another appropriate medium, supplemented with 10% FBS (Atlantic Biologics, Atlanta, GA, USA) and penicillin-streptomycin-glutamine (Mediatech). TREM2B cDNA with a FLAG epitope added to the N terminus is inserted into the retroviral vector pMXpie upstream of an IRES, followed by an eGFP cDNA sequence. Cells are transfected with pMXpie-FLAG TREM2B, using Fugene 6 (Roche) according to manufacturer's protocol. Cells are selected in puromycin (Sigma) at 2 μ g/ml. Stable puromycin-resistant clones are screened for anti-FLAG

M2 monoclonal antibody (Sigma) binding by using flow cytometry, and then subcloned and maintained on puromycin selection media.

[0500] RAW264.7 cells expressing TREM2B are seeded in 96-well plates with 3000 cells/well in alpha-MEM medium supplemented with 10% FBS, penicillin-streptomycin-glutamine, 50 ng/ml RANKL, and 20 ng/ml M-CSF. The medium is changed every 3 days, exposed to anti-TREM2 agonistic antibodies and the number of multinucleated (at least three nuclei) TRACP⁺ osteoclasts are counted and scored by light microscopy. To determine complexity and size, osteoclasts are counted by number of nuclei (>10 or 3–10 nuclei). The surface area of osteoclasts is also measured by using Image J software (NIH). In addition, expression levels of osteoclasts genes are determined. Total RNA is extracted from osteoclastogenic cultures at different time points using TRIzol reagent (Invitrogen). After first-strand cDNA synthesis using a SuperScript III kit (Invitrogen), real-time quantitative PCR reactions are performed for Nfatc1, Acp5, Ctsk, Calcr, and Ccnd1. Relative quantification of target mRNA expression is calculated and normalized to the expression of cyclophilin and expressed as (mRNA of the target gene/mRNA of cyclophilin) 3×10^6 . (J. OF BONE AND MINERAL RESEARCH (2006), 21, **237–245**; *J Immunol* 2012; 188:2612-2621).

Example 11: *In vivo* protection from EAE and cuprizone in a whole animal

[0501] Adult 7-9 week-old female C57BL/6 mice (obtained from Charles River Laboratories) are injected in the tail base bilaterally with 200 μ l of an inoculum containing 100 μ g of myelin oligodendrocyte glycoprotein peptide 35–55 (amino acids MEVGWYRSPFSRVVHLYRNGK (SEQ ID NO: 415); SeqLab) and 1 mg of Mycobacterium tuberculosis H37 Ra (Difco) in incomplete Freund adjuvant (Difco). Pertussis toxin (200 ng; List Biological Laboratories) is injected at day 0 and at day 2 after immunization. Clinical signs are scored as follows: 0, no clinical signs; 1, complete limp tail; 2, complete limp tail and abnormal gait; 3, one hind-limb paraparesis; 4, complete hindlimb paraparesis; and 5, fore- and hind-limb paralysis or moribund.

[0502] Only mice having disease onset (clinical score of 1 or more) at day 14 are used for experiments. Agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies

are injected intraperitoneally or intravenously in EAE-diseased mice at the day of the first clinical symptoms or at any other desired time (PLoS Med (2007) 4(4): e124).

[0503] Young or aged wild-type (WT) mice are fed a standard diet (Harlan) containing 0.2 % cuprizone (CPZ) powdered oxalic bis(cyclohexylidenehydrazide) (Sigma-Aldrich) for 4, 6 or 12 weeks. For Histological and immunohistochemical analyses brains are removed after mouse perfusion with 4 % paraformaldehyde (PFA), fixed in 4 % PFA for 24 h, followed by immersion in 30 % sucrose for 24–48 h. To evaluate myelin integrity and damage, as well as cell proliferation and inflammation sections of mouse brain are stained with anti-MBP (1:100; Abcam, ab7349), -dMBP (1:2000; Millipore, ab5864), - β APP (1:100; Invitrogen, 51-2700), - SMI-31 (1:1000; Covance, smi-31R), -Iba1 (1:600; Wako, 019-19741), -BrdU (1:250; Abcam, ab1893), -GFAP (1:200; Invitrogen, 13-0300), -iNOS (1:100; BD Pharmingen, 610329), - LPL (1:400, from Dr. G. Olivecrona) and -MHC II (1:100; BD Pharmingen, 553549). For behavioral effects of the antibodies, mice are analyzed for locomotor activity using transparent polystyrene enclosures and computerized photobeam instrumentation. General activity variables (total ambulations, vertical rearings), along with indices of emotionality including time spent, distance traveled and entries, are analyzed. A battery of sensorimotor tests is performed to assess balance (ledge and platform), strength (inverted screen), coordination (pole and inclined screens) and initiation of movement (walking initiation). Motor coordination and balance are studied using a rotarod protocol (Cantoni et al., Acta Neuropathol (2015) 129(3):429-47).

Example 12: Characterization of the therapeutic use of agonistic TREM2, DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies in established animal models of traumatic brain injury

[0504] The therapeutic utility of agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies is tested in established animal models of traumatic brain injury (Tanaka, Y et al. (2013) Neuroscience 231 49-60).

[0505] For example, a model of traumatic brain injury that induces the activation of microglia and astrocytes is used. Eight or nine week-old male C57BL/6J WT mice or progranulin heterozygous mice are used (purchased from Charles River Laboratories or Jackson Laboratories). Mice are anesthetized by intraperitoneal administration of xylazine hydrochloride

(8 mg/kg) and chloral hydrate (300 mg/kg) dissolved in sterile saline, and subsequently placed in a stereotaxic apparatus (Narishige, Tokyo, Japan). An incision is made in the scalp and the cranium is exposed. The periosteum is cleaned from the skull, a hole is drilled over the right cerebral hemisphere with a dental drill, and the duramater is removed with a needle tip. A stainless steel cannula, with a 0.5 mm outer diameter, is used to make a longitudinal stab wound in the right hemisphere. The cannula is positioned at 1.3 mm lateral to the midline, and 1 mm posterior to bregma, and introduced into the brain until the tip reaches a depth of 2 mm. The cannula is then shifted 2 mm caudally (bregma 3 mm), and then shifts back 2 mm rostrally to its initial position. Finally, the cannula is removed from the brain, and the scalp wound is sutured. Mice are then treated with agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies according to standard procedures and then analyzed by histology and immunofluorescence staining and behavioral tests.

Example 13: Characterization of therapeutic use of agonistic TREM2, DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies in a model of neuro-inflammation and neuron loss following toxin-induced injury

[0506] The therapeutic utility of agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies is tested in a model of neuro-inflammation and neuron loss following toxin-induced injury (Martens, LH et al., (2012) The Journal of Clinical Investigation, 122, 3955).

[0507] Three-month-old mice are treated with 4 intraperitoneal injections of MPTP (1-methyl-4-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine) per day for 2 days (4 µg/g body weight) (Sigma-Aldrich) or PBS. Mice are treated with agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies according to standard protocols and then analyzed using Stereological counting to quantify dopamine neurons and microglia in the substantia nigra pars compacta (SNpc), as described.

Example 14: Characterization of the therapeutic use of agonistic TREM2, DAP12, and/or TEM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies in animal models of aging, seizures, spinal cord injury, retinal dystrophy, frontotemporal dementia, and Alzheimer's disease

[0508] The therapeutic utility of agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies is tested in animal models for aging, seizures, spinal cord injury, retinal dystrophy, frontotemporal dementia, and Alzheimer's disease, as previously described (*e.g.*, Beattie, MS et al., (2002) *Neuron* 36, 375-386; Volosin, M et al., (2006) *J. Neurosci.* 26, 7756-7766; Nykjaer, A et al., (2005) *Curr. Opin. Neurobiol.* 15, 49-57; Jansen, P et al., (2007) *Nat. Neurosci.* 10, 1449-1457; Volosin, M et al., (2008) *J. Neurosci.* 28, 9870-9879; Fahnstock, M et al., (2001) *Mol. Cell Neurosci.* 18, 210-220; Nakamura, K et al., (2007) *Cell Death. Differ.* 14, 1552-1554; Yune, T et al., (2007) *Brain Res.* 1183, 32-42; Wei, Y et al., (2007) *Neurosci. Lett.* 429, 169-174; Provenzano, MJ et al., (2008) *Laryngoscope* 118, 87-93; Nykjaer, A et al., (2004) *Nature* 427, 843-848; Harrington, AW et al., (2004) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* 101, 6226-6230; Teng, HK et al., (2005) *J. Neurosci.* 25, 5455-5463; Jansen, P et al., (2007) *Nat. Neurosci.* 10, 1449-1457; Volosin, M et al., (2008) *J. Neurosci.* 28, 9870-9879; Fan, YJ et al., (2008) *Eur. J. Neurosci.* 27, 2380-2390; Al-Shawi, R et al., (2008) *Eur. J. Neurosci.* 27, 2103-2114; and Yano, H et al., (2009) *J. Neurosci.* 29, 14790-14802).

Example 15: Characterization of the therapeutic use of agonistic TREM2, DAP12, and/or TEM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies in models of atherosclerosis

[0509] The therapeutic utility of agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies is tested in models of atherosclerosis, as previously described (*e.g.*, Lance, A et al., (2011) *Diabetes*, 60, 2285; and Kjolby, M et al., (2012) *Cell Metabolism* 12, 213-223).

Example 16: Characterization of the therapeutic use of agonistic TREM2, DAP12, and/or TEM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies in a model of infection

[0510] The therapeutic utility of agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies is tested in a model of infection. For example, *Listeria monocytogenes* or other infection in normal mice or progranulin heterozygous mice can be used, as previously described (*e.g.*, Yin, F et al., (2009) *J. Exp. Med.* 207, 117-128).

Example 17: Characterization of the therapeutic use of agonistic TREM2, DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies in a model of inflammatory diseases

[0511] The therapeutic utility of agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies is tested in a model of inflammatory diseases. For example rheumatoid arthritis or in an established model of another inflammatory disease (Mizoguchi (2012) Prog Mol Biol Transl Sci.,105:263-320; and Asquith et al., (2009) Eur J Immunol. 39:2040-4).

Example 18: Screening for anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies that induce phosphorylation of DAP12, ERK, and AKT which indicate activation of the PI3K pathway

[0512] Cells (J774, RAW 264.7, BMM cells, or osteoclasts) are removed from tissue culture dishes with PBS-EDTA, washed with PBS, and counted. J774 (40×10^6) or RAW 264.7 cells (10×10^6 BMM or osteoclasts) are incubated with an anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibody or with an isotype-matched control antibody at $1 \mu\text{g}/10^6$ cells for 20 min on ice or under other conditions. Cells are lysed in ice-cold radioimmunoprecipitation assay (RIPA) buffer [50 mM tris-HCl (pH 7.4), 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1% Triton-100, 1 mM NaF, 1 mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride, 1 mM Na VO₂, 0.25% sodium deoxycholate, aprotinin (1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$), leupeptin (1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$), pepstatin (1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$)] for 20 min followed by centrifugation at 16,000 g for 10 min at 4°C to remove insoluble materials. The resulting supernatant is subjected to immunoprecipitation reactions with the indicated antibodies (DAP12, ERK, or AKT) and protein A- or protein G-agarose (Sigma). The beads are extensively washed with RIPA buffer and the proteins are separated by SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE). The proteins are then transferred to nitrocellulose membranes by Western blotting, incubated with the appropriate antibodies (antibodies that specifically recognize the phosphorylated form of DAP12, ERK, or AKT) and visualized with the enhanced chemiluminescence (ECL) system (Pierce), as described (*e.g.*, Peng et al., (2010) Sci Signal., 3(122): ra38).

Example 19: Screening for anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies that induce calcium flux

[0513] BMM cells are washed twice with HEPES-containing buffer [20 mM HEPES (pH 7.3), 120 mM NaCl, 1 mM CaCl₂, 1 mM MgCl₂, 5 mM KCl, glucose (1 mg/ml), bovine serum albumin (1 mg/ml)] followed by incubation in 0.05% Pluronic F-127 (Invitrogen) and 1 μ M Indo-1 AM (Invitrogen) for 20 min at 37°C. Cells are washed twice with HEPES buffer and are then stimulated with an anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibody (16 μ g/ml) or with a control antibody (16 μ g/ml) and monitored by spectrophotometer (PTL Photon Technology International). The Indo-1 fluorescence emission is converted to calcium (Ca²⁺) according to manufacturer's instructions (*e.g.*, Peng et al., (2010) *Sci Signal.*, 3(122): ra38).

Example 20: Screening for anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies that prevent apoptosis

[0514] Mature osteoclast cell cultures are differentiated in 24-well dishes with RANKL and M-CSF. After 4 days, complete medium is substituted with serum-free medium to induce apoptosis. Cells are treated with RANKL, PBS, and an anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibody, or an isotype-matched control antibody, during the overnight serum starvation. Cells are fixed in 1% paraformaldehyde and stained with a TUNEL-based kit (Millipore Corporation) according to manufacturer's instructions. Apoptotic nuclei are counted with a Nikon TE2000-E microscope with 20 $\times$ magnification. Results are expressed as the percentage of apoptotic cells relative to the total number of cells in six randomly selected fields of the two wells, as described (*e.g.*, Peng et al., (2010) *Sci Signal.*, 3(122): ra38). Similar assays are performed with primary microglial cells.

Example 21: Screening for anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies that induce osteoclast differentiation

[0515] BMM cells are seeded onto the plates in triplicate wells and treated with RANKL, M-CSF, and with an anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibody, or an isotype-matched control monoclonal antibody. The medium is changed every 3 days until large

multinucleated cells are visible. After 3 to 5 days in culture, cells are fixed with 3.7% formaldehyde in PBS for 10 min. Plates are then washed twice in PBS, incubated for 30 s in a solution of 50% acetone and 50% ethanol, and washed with PBS. Cells are stained for tartrate-resistant acid phosphatase (TRAP) with a kit from Sigma (product 435). Multinucleated (more than two nuclei), TRAP-positive cells are then counted by light microscopy, as described (*e.g.*, Peng et al., (2010) *Sci Signal.*, 3(122): ra38).

Example 22: Screening for anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies that normalize TREM2/TYROBP-dependent changes in gene expression within the immune/microglia regulatory module

[0516] Microglial cells derived from mouse embryonic stem cells are genetically modified by lentiviral vectors to overexpress either full-length or a truncated version of *Tyrobp* that lacks both intracellular immunoreceptor tyrosine-based activation motif (ITAM) motifs. Microglia cells are also derived from mouse embryonic stem cells that are heterozygous for TREM2. To assess the genome-wide gene-expression changes in response to the perturbation of *Tyrobp* or TREM2, gene-expression data is derived from the RNA sequencing of mouse microglial cell lines overexpressing: (1) vehicle, (2) full-length *Tyrobp*, or (3) dominant-negative truncated *Tyrobp*; or (4) overexpressing a knockdown construct for TREM2, such as SiRNA and cells which are heterozygous for TREM2. Approximately 2,638 and 3,415 differentially expressed genes for the overexpression of full-length *Tyrobp* and truncated *Tyrob* are identified, respectively (Zhang et al., (2013) *Cell* 153, 707–720). Approximately 99% of the differentially expressed genes from the microglia overexpressing intact *Tyrobp* are downregulated compared to the control vehicle. For example, 658 genes, related to the vacuole/autophagy, as well as genes involved with RNA metabolism and cell-cycle mitosis are downregulated by active *Tyrobp*, but upregulated in cells expressing dominant-negative truncated *Tyrobp*. Conversely, some 2,856 genes for the vacuole/autophagy pathway and for mitochondrion are selectively upregulated in microglia expressing the dominant-negative truncated *Tyrobp*.

[0517] Agonistic anti-TREM2, anti-DAP12, and/or TREM2/DAP12 bispecific antibodies are screened for their ability to elicit gene expression profiles similar to that observed in normal

microglial cells and in microglial cells overexpressing intact *Tyrobp* in cells that express dominant-negative truncated *Tyrobp* (Zhang et al., (2013) Cell 153, 707–720), in cells that express the knockdown construct for TREM2, or in cells that are heterozygous for TREM2. Antibodies that are capable of changing the gene expression network are selected.

Example 23: TREM2 antibodies induce the expression of CD83 and CD86 on human dendritic cells (DCs)

[0518] To evaluate the ability of anti-TREM2 antibodies to modify expression of CD83 and CD86, both plate bound and soluble antibodies were incubated with dendritic cells (DCs), and the expression of CD83 and CD86 were measured.

[0519] Antibodies were plated overnight at 4°C in 12 well plates at 2 or 5ug/ml in PBS. Wells were washed 3X with PBS the next day. On day 5, immature human DCs were harvested and plated at 1 million cells per well and incubated at 37C, 5% CO₂ in the absence of cytokine. FACS analysis of CD86, CD83, CD11c, HLA-DR, and LIN (BD Biosciences) was performed on a BD FACS Canto 48 hours later. Data analysis was performed with FlowJo (TreeStar) software version 10.0.7. Levels of CD83 and CD86 were evaluated on CD11c+HLA-DR+LIN- cell populations.

[0520] Alternatively, Day 5 immature human dendritic cells were plated at 100,000 cells per well in a U-bottom non-TC treated 96 well plate in media without cytokine. Antibodies were added at 5ug/ml with or without LPS-removed anti-human secondary (Jackson ImmunoResearch) at 20ug/ml. FACS analysis for CD86, CD83, CD11c, HLA-DR, and LIN (BD Biosciences) was performed 48hrs post antibody addition as previously described.

[0521] Plate bound TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 increased the frequency of CD83+CD86+ DCs compared to the isotype control antibody Ab88 (**FIG. 5A**). Soluble antibody Ab21 and Ab52, both alone and cross-linked with an anti-human secondary antibody, induced equivalent expression of CD86 on DCs to the isotype control antibody (Ab88) (**FIG. 5B**). Based on these results, TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 function as agonists to induce the expression of inflammatory surface markers CD83 and CD86 on human dendritic cells.

Example 24: TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 induce Syk phosphorylation

[0522] Spleen tyrosine kinase (Syk) is an intracellular signaling molecule that functions downstream of TREM2 by phosphorylating several substrates, thereby facilitating the formation of a signaling complex leading to cellular activation and inflammatory processes. The ability of agonist TREM2 antibodies to induce Syk activation was determined by culturing human and mouse macrophages and primary human dendritic cells and measuring the phosphorylation state of Syk protein in cell extracts.

[0523] Bone marrow-derived macrophages (BMDM), WT mouse BMDM, TREM2 knockout (KO) mouse BMDM, and primary human dendritic cells were starved for 4 hours in 1% serum RPMI and then removed from tissue culture dishes with PBS-EDTA, washed with PBS, and counted. The cells were coated with the full-length agonist TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab52, or control antibodies (Ab89 or Ab92) for 15 minutes on ice. After washing with cold PBS, cells were incubated at 37°C for the indicated period of time in the presence of goat anti-human IgG. After stimulation, cells were lysed with lysis buffer (1% v/v NP-40%, 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 10% glycerol, plus protease and phosphatase inhibitors) followed by centrifugation at 16,000 g for 10 min at 4°C to remove insoluble materials. Lysates were then immunoprecipitated with anti-Syk Ab (N-19 for BMDM or 4D10 for human DCs, Santa Cruz Biotechnology). Precipitated proteins were fractionated by SDS-PAGE, transferred to PVDF membranes and probed with anti-phosphotyrosine Ab (4G10, Millipore). To confirm that all substrates were adequately immunoprecipitated, immunoblots were reprobed with anti-Syk Ab (Abcam, for BMDM) or anti-Syk (Novus Biological, for human DCs). Visualization was performed with the enhanced chemiluminescence (ECL) system (GE healthcare), as described (e.g., Peng et al., (2010) Sci Signal., 3(122): ra38).

[0524] TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab51 induced Syk phosphorylation in WT TREM2 mouse BMDMs, but did not induce phosphorylation in TREM2 KO (TREM2^{-/-}) cells (**FIG. 6A**). Antibodies Ab21 and Ab51 also induced Syk phosphorylation in both human BMDM (**FIG. 6A, right panel**) and in primary human dendritic cells (**FIG. 6B**). Control antibodies Ab89 and

Ab92 did not induce Syk phosphorylation. Based on these results, TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 function as agonists to induce Syk phosphorylation in macrophages and dendritic cells.

Example 25: TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 induce DAP12 phosphorylation in mouse macrophages

[0525] TREM2 signals through DAP12, leading downstream to activation of PI3K and other intracellular signals. The ability of agonist TREM2 antibodies to induce DAP12 activation was determined by culturing mouse macrophages and measuring the phosphorylation state of DAP12 protein in cell extracts.

[0526] Before stimulation with antibodies, mouse wild-type (WT) bone marrow-derived macrophages (BMDM) and TREM2 knockout (KO) BMDM were starved for 4h in 1% serum RPMI. 15×10^6 cells were incubated in ice for 15 min with full-length agonistic or control antibodies. Cells were washed and incubated at 37°C for the indicated period of time in the presence of goat anti-human IgG. After stimulation, cells were lysed with lysis buffer (1% v/v NP-40%, 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 10% glycerol, plus protease and phosphatase inhibitors), followed by centrifugation at 16,000 g for 10 min at 4°C to remove insoluble materials. Cell lysate was immunoprecipitated with a second TREM2 antibody (R&D Systems). Precipitated proteins were fractionated by SDS-PAGE, transferred to PVDF membranes, and probed with anti-phosphotyrosine Ab (4G10, Millipore). The membrane was stripped and reprobed with anti-DAP12 antibody (Cells Signaling, D7G1X). Each cell lysate used for TREM2 immunoprecipitations contained an equal amount of proteins, as indicated by a control Ab (anti-actin, Santa Cruz).

[0527] DAP12 co-precipitated with TREM2 and was phosphorylated in WT macrophages incubated with agonist TREM2 antibodies Ab52 (**FIG. 7A**) and Ab21 (**FIG. 7B**). Conversely, no DAP12 phosphorylation was observed in TREM2 KO (TREM2^{-/-}) macrophages incubated with antibody Ab21 (**FIG. 7B**). These results demonstrate that DAP12 is associated with TREM2 protein, and that agonist TREM2 antibodies are able to induce DAP12 phosphorylation *in vitro*.

Example 26: TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 compete with TREM2 ligand for binding to human and mouse TREM2

[0528] The ability of agonist TREM2 antibodies to recognize the ligand-binding site on TREM2 was evaluated through competitive binding assays with *E. coli* cells expressing a putative TREM2 ligand.

[0529] *E.coli* were grown in 10ml LB media O/N, harvested by centrifuging, and washed twice in 10ml PBS. *E. coli* were then heat-inactivated by incubating in a 70°C water bath for 30 min. *E.coli* were labeled with CellTracker DeepRed (ThermoFisher/ Invitrogen, 1uM final concentration) and subsequently washed thrice in 10ml PBS and resuspended in 1ml PBS at a concentration of 10^8 /ml. For competition binding, bacteria were added to a mouse TREM2 and DAP12 expressing cell line (BWZ), or to a BW cell line expressing a human TREM2/DAP12 fusion protein, together with 10µg/ml of full-length agonist TREM2 antibodies and incubated for one hour on ice. Cells were analyzed via FACS for binding of CellTracker labeled bacteria to the cell lines.

[0530] TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 inhibited the binding of *E. coli* bacteria to both human and mouse cells, indicating competitive binding of the antibodies to the ligand-binding site on TREM2 (**FIG. 8**). Non-agonistic control TREM2 antibodies (Ab66 and Ab68) inhibited bacterial binding to human cells expressing TREM2, but did not inhibit binding to mouse TREM2.

Example 27: Summary of TREM2 antibody functional studies

[0531] Table 6 summarizes results of the functional studies described in Examples 24-26 above. Antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 demonstrated induction of Syk phosphorylation in human dendritic cells (hDC), mouse dendritic cells (mDC), and mouse macrophages (mMac). However, antibody Ab52 induced higher levels of phosphorylated Syk compared to antibody Ab21 in human and mouse DCs. Both antibodies were able to mimic ligand binding to human and mouse TREM2, although antibody Ab21 demonstrated more effective binding, as indicated by a greater decrease in bacterial binding (see Example 26 above).

Table 6: TREM2 Antibody Functional Studies

Antibody	Induction Phospho Syk hDC	Induction Phospho Syk mDC	Induce Phospho DAP12 mMac	Mimic ligand binding site on human Trem2	Mimic ligand binding site on mouse Trem2
Ab52	+++	+++	+++	++	+++
Ab21	++	++	+++	+++	+++
Isotype control	-	-	-	-	-

Example 28: TREM2 decreases the secretion of inflammatory cytokines from mouse macrophages

[0532] In order to determine the role of TREM2 in inflammatory cytokine production, mouse wild-type (WT), TREM2 knock-out (KO), and TREM2 heterozygous (Het) macrophages were cultured with various inflammatory mediators, and cytokine levels were measured in the culture supernatants.

To generate BMDM, total bone marrow from wild-type (WT), TREM2 KO (KO), and TREM2 heterozygous (Het) mice was cultured in RPMI supplemented with 10% bovine calf serum, 5% horse serum, and 50 ng/ml recombinant mouse CSF-1 (R&D Systems). Cells were cultured for 5 days, and adherent cells were detached with 1mM EDTA in PBS. BMDM were plated on 96-well plates at 105cells/well and allowed to adhere for 4 h at 37°C. Cells were then stimulated with TLR agonists LPS (*Salmonella abortus equi*) or zymosan (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) at concentrations ranging from 0.01-100ng/ml (LPS) or 0.01-100µg/ml (zymosan). Alternatively, macrophages isolated from WT, KO, and Het mice were cultured in the presence of 10ng/ml of the cytokine IL-4 or 50ng/ml of IFN-γ. Cell culture supernatant was collected 24 or 48 h after stimulation and the levels of TNFα, IL-6, IL-10, and MCP-1 cytokines were measured by using Cytometric Bead Array Mouse Inflammation Kit (BD) according to manufacturer's protocol.

[0533] Wild-type (WT) macrophages stimulated with the inflammatory mediators LPS or zymosan secreted less inflammatory cytokines TNFα, IL-6, IL-10, and MCP-1 compared to TREM2 KO (TREM2^{-/-}) macrophages (**FIG. 9A**). Similarly, WT and Het (TREM2^{+/-}) macrophages treated with the mediator IFNγ produced less inflammatory cytokines IL-6 and TNFα compared to TREM2 KO macrophages (**FIG. 9B**). WT, Het, and KO macrophages

cultured in the presence of the cytokine IL-4 produced similar low levels of IL-6 and TNF α (**FIG. 9B**). Based on these results, TREM2 antibodies may reduce the secretion of inflammatory cytokines from macrophages.

Example 29: TREM2 decreases the expression of inflammatory cell surface markers on mouse macrophages

[0534] In order to determine the role of TREM2 in inflammatory marker expression, mouse wild-type (WT), TREM2 knock-out (KO), and TREM2 heterozygous (Het) macrophages were cultured with various inflammatory mediators, and the expression of surface markers CD86 and CD206 were measured.

[0535] Macrophages isolated from WT, KO, and Het mice were plated and allowed to adhere for 4 h at 37°C, and TLR agonists LPS (*Salmonella abortus equi*) and zymosan (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) were added at concentrations ranging from 0.01-100 ng/ml (LPS) or 0.01-10 μ g/ml (zymosan). Alternatively, macrophages isolated from WT, KO, and Het mice were cultured in the presence of the cytokines IL-4 (10ng/ml) or IFN- γ (0.5-50 ng/ml). FACS analysis of CD86 and CD206 was performed on a BD FACS Canto 48 hours later. Data analysis was performed with FlowJo (TreeStar) software version 10.0.7.

[0536] Wild-type (WT) macrophages treated with the inflammatory mediators IFN- γ (**FIG. 10A**), LPS, or Zymosan (**FIG. 10B**) expressed lower levels of the inflammatory receptor CD86 but not of the receptor CD206 compared TREM2 KO (TREM2^{-/-}) macrophages. Similarly, Het (TREM2^{+/-}) macrophages treated with I IFN- γ expressed lower levels of CD86 but not of CD206 compared to TREM2 KO macrophages (**FIG. 10A**). Based on these results, TREM2 agonistic antibodies may reduce expression of inflammatory receptors on macrophages.

Example 30: TREM2 increases the survival of macrophages and dendritic cells

[0537] To evaluate the role of TREM2 in cell survival, wild-type (WT) and TREM2 knock-out (KO) macrophages and dendritic cells were cultured in the presence of inflammatory mediators, and cell survival was measured.

[0538] Murine bone marrow precursor cells from TREM2 WT, Het, and KO mice were obtained by flushing tibial and femoral marrow cells with cold PBS. After one wash with PBS, erythrocytes were lysed using ACK Lysing Buffer (Lonza), washed twice with PBS and suspended at 0.5×10^6 cells/ml in complete RPMI media (10% FCS, Pen/Strep, Gln, neAA) with the indicated amounts of 50 ng/ml M-CSF to produce macrophages, or 10 ng/ml GM-CSF to produce dendritic cells. For M2-type macrophages, 10 ng/ml IL-4 was added to the cultured cells. For M1-type macrophages, 50 ng/ml IFN- γ was added. In some experiments LPS or zymosan was added to the cell culture at day 5 at a concentration range of 1 μ g/ml-0.01 ng/ml. Recombinant cytokines were purchased from Peprotech.

[0539] To analyze viability of bone marrow-derived macrophages, cells were prepared as above and cultured in MCSF. Cells were either plated at $10^5/200$ μ l in a 96-well plate (for viability analysis using a luciferase based-assay) or at $0.5 \times 10^6/1$ ml in a 6-well plate (for Tripan Blue exclusion cell count) in non-tissue culture treated plates. Media containing fresh M-CSF was added at day 3. At the indicated time points cells were gently detached from the plates with 3 mM EDTA and counted using a Burkler chamber. For FACS analysis of live cells, macrophages were cultured either in 50 ng/ml MCSF for 6 days (+MCSF) or in 50 ng/ml MCSF for 4 days before MCSF was removed for an additional 36 hrs (-MCSF). Cells were stained using CD11b antibody and DAPI. For luciferase viability assays, cell viability was measured at day 5 of culture in graded concentrations of growth factors GMCSF (dendritic cells), MCSF (M1 macrophages), or MCSF+IL-4 (M2 macrophages). Cells were directly incubated with ToxGlo reagent (Promega) and luciferase activity (luminescence) was read using an XY reader. For FACS analysis of viable macrophages cultured in the presence of inflammatory mediators IFN- γ , LPS, or zymosan, cells were collected at day 5 and stained using CD11b antibody and DAPI.

[0540] After 7 days of culture in MCSF, significantly higher numbers of viable (trypan blue excluded) TREM2 WT and Het (TREM2^{+/-}) macrophages were observed than TREM2 KO (TREM2^{-/-}) macrophages (**FIG. 11A**). FACS analysis revealed that WT macrophages treated with MCSF for either 6 (+MCSF) or 4 days (-MCSF) displayed increased survival compared to Het and KO macrophages, as indicated by a higher percentage of live (CD11b+DAPI-) cells (**FIG. 11B**). For luciferase assays, WT cells cultured in the presence of growth factors GMCSF

(dendritic cells), MCSF (M1 macrophages), or MCSF+IL-4 (M2 macrophages) survived better than KO cells, as indicated by a higher luminescence reading across the range of growth factor concentrations (**FIG. 11C**). Wild-type macrophages cultured with inflammatory mediators (IFN- γ , LPS, or zymosan) had a higher survival rate than TREM2 Het and KO macrophages, as indicated by a higher percentage of CD11b+ live cells (**FIG. 11D**). Based on these results, TREM2 agonistic antibodies may increase the survival of macrophages and dendritic cells, while TREM2 antagonistic antibodies can decrease cell survival.

Example 31: TREM2 modulates phagocytosis

[0541] TREM2 signaling is involved in phagocytosis pathways, including bacterial clearance from the lung and phagocytosis of apoptotic neurons. The role of TREM2 in phagocytosis was evaluated by measuring the ability of wild-type (WT) and TREM2 knock-out (KO) mouse macrophages to phagocytose *E. coli* cells and apoptotic cells.

[0542] WT and TREM2 KO BMDM were starved in 1% serum RPMI or kept in culture in the presence of MCSF (50ng/ml) overnight. The following day cells were plated at 2×10^5 in 96 well plates (round bottom non tissue culture), in the presence or absence of MCSF. Target cells (CCL119) were cultured overnight with 0.5 μ M staurosporine to induce apoptosis. The day after cells were washed and labeled with 20ng/ml of pHrodo-SE (Invitrogen). Apoptotic cells or bioparticle *E. coli* (pHrodo, Invitrogen) were added and the cells were incubated at 37°C for 1h and 30 min. The assay was stopped on ice. After washing with cold PBS, cells were stained for CD11b (pacific blue- CD11b, BD) and analyzed by FACS. In all samples, BMDM were distinguished from apoptotic cells and beads by CD11b staining, and gates were drawn based on effector cells cultured without target cells. For negative controls, effector cells were incubated during the entire assay with cytochalasin D (2 μ M, SIGMA). Phagocytosis was quantified as (percent or MFI of PhRodo positive cells) - (percent or MFI of PhRodo positive cytochalasin D treated negative control cells).

[0543] Wild-type (WT) macrophages cultured with MCSF displayed less phagocytosis of apoptotic cells and *E. coli* cells as compared to TREM2 KO (TREM2^{-/-}) macrophages, as indicated by a lower percentage of pHrodo+ cells (**FIG. 12**). Conversely, WT macrophages

cultured without MCSF displayed increased phagocytosis of apoptotic cells and *E. coli* cells as compared to TREM2 KO macrophages, as indicated by a higher percentage of pHrodo+ cells (**FIG. 12**). Based on these results, TREM2 agonistic antibodies may enhance phagocytosis in the absence of MCSF and reduce phagocytosis in the presence of MCSF. Conversely, it is believed that TREM2 antagonistic antibodies can enhance phagocytosis in the presence of MCSF and reduce phagocytosis in the absence of MCSF.

Example: 32: Epitope mapping of TREM2 antibodies.

[0544] TREM2 antibodies were tested for their ability to bind 15 or 25 mer peptides spanning the entire human and mouse TREM2.

[0545] Linear 15-mer peptides were synthesized based on the sequence of human or mouse TREM2, with a 14 residue overlap. In addition, linear 25-mer peptides were synthesized based on sequence of human or mouse TREM2 with a 1 residue shift. The binding of TREM2 antibodies to each of the synthesized peptides was tested in an ELISA-based method. In this assay, the peptide arrays were incubated with primary antibody solution (overnight at 4°C). After washing, the peptide arrays were incubated with a 1/1000 dilution of an antibody peroxidase conjugate (SBA, cat. nr. 2010-05) for one hour at 25°C. After washing, the peroxidase substrate 2,2'-azino-di-3-ethylbenzthiazoline sulfonate (ABTS) and 2 µl/ml of 3% H₂O₂ were added. After one hour, the color development was measured. The color development was quantified with a charge coupled device (CCD) camera and an image processing system.

[0546] Antibody Ab52 demonstrated reliable binding in all peptide sets. Antibody Ab52 was found to recognize an N-terminal peptide region between amino acid residues 49-57 of human and mouse TREM2 (⁴⁹AWCRQLGEK⁵⁷ (SEQ ID NO: 444)) (**FIG. 13**). The epitope region recognized by Ab52 corresponds to amino acid residues 49-57 of SEQ ID NO: 1 and has the amino acid sequence of: AWCRQLGEK (SEQ ID NO: 444).

[0547] Antibody Ab21 was found to recognize an N-terminal peptide region between amino acid residues 43-50 of human and mouse TREM2 (⁴³HWGRRRAW⁵⁰ (SEQ ID NO: 445)). The epitope region recognized by Ab21 corresponds to amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1 and has the amino acid sequence of: HWGRRRAW (SEQ ID NO: 445).

Example 33: Comparison of agonistic TREM2 antibodies Ab52 and Ab21 to reference TREM2 antibodies

[0548] Reference TREM2 antibodies were compared to agonist antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 by evaluating their ability to induce Syk phosphorylation and by determining their TREM2 binding region.

[0549] Cells were coated with 1 $\mu\text{g}/10^6$ cells of TREM2 antibody MAB17291 (R&D Systems) or monoclonal rat IgG1 antibody 78.18 (obtained from the University of California, San Francisco) and stimulated by cross-linking with a secondary antibody (goat anti-rat 1.5 $\mu\text{g}/10^6$ cells). Syk phosphorylation was evaluated according to the methods described in Example 24 above.

[0550] To evaluate antibody binding regions, human TREM2-Fc was incubated with immobilized full-length agonist TREM2 antibodies Ab21 or Ab52, and TREM2 antibodies MAB17291 or 78.18 were subsequently added. Epitope binning of the antibodies was performed on a Forte Bio Octet Red384 system (Pall Forte Bio Corporation, Menlo Park, CA) using a standard sandwich format binning assay (see Estep *et al.*, (2013) *MAbs* 5(2):270-8). Control anti-target IgG was loaded onto AHQ sensors and unoccupied Fc-binding sites on the sensor were blocked with a non-relevant human IgG1 antibody. The sensors were then exposed to 100 nM target antigen followed by a second anti-target antibody. Data was processed using ForteBio's Data Analysis Software 7.0. Additional binding by the second antibody after antigen association indicates an unoccupied epitope (non-competitor), while no binding indicates epitope blocking (competitor).

[0551] Reference TREM2 antibody MAB17291 induced Syk phosphorylation in WT, but not TREM2 KO (TREM2^{-/-}) cells. Reference TREM2 antibody 78.18, however, did not induce Syk phosphorylation under the experimental conditions used (**FIG. 14**). This is in contrast to Ab21 and Ab52, which were both able to induced Syk phosphorylation in WT TREM2 mouse BMDMs (**FIG. 6**).

[0552] Reference antibody MAB17291 was able to simultaneously bind TREM2 with antibody Ab21 (**FIG. 15A**) or antibody Ab52 (**FIG. 15B**). These results demonstrate that agonist

TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 bind different regions of the TREM2 protein than does reference antibody MAB17291.

Example 34: Analysis of ability of TREM2 antibody Fabs to stimulate viability of innate immune cells

[0553] The agonistic functionality of plate bound, cross-linked anti-TREM2 antibody Fab fragments derived from antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 was evaluated in innate immune cells (e.g., macrophages).

[0554] Wild-type (WT) and TREM2 knock-out (KO) mouse bone marrow derived macrophages were cultured in the presence of M-CSF and plate bound TREM2 antibody Fabs, and cell viability was measured.

[0555] Macrophages isolated from the bone marrow of WT and KO mice were plated on non-tissue-culture-treated 96-well plates, pre-coated with either 12.5nM or 100nM of cross-linked Ab21 or Ab52 Fabs. Cells were cultured for 48 hours in the presence of 10ng/ml M-CSF. Analysis of viability was performed using Cell Titer Glo kit (Promega). Plates were read with a BioTek Synergy Microplate Reader using GEN5 2.04 software.

[0556] Cross-linked TREM2 Fab fragments derived from antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 increased the number of viable mouse bone marrow-derived macrophages compared to isotype control Fab Ab88, as indicated by a higher % increased survival (**FIG. 16**). This enhancement in cell viability was not observed in KO mouse macrophages. These data indicate that the biological activity of TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 is TREM2 specific, and that plate bound, cross-linked Ab21 and Ab52 Fab fragments function as agonists to increase the survival of macrophages cultured in M-CSF.

Example 35: Analysis of ability of TREM2 antibodies to decrease survival of innate immune cells

[0557] The antagonistic functionality of both soluble, non-cross-linked anti-TREM2 antibody Fab fragments derived from antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 and soluble, full-length anti-TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 was evaluated in innate immune cells (e.g., macrophages).

[0558] Wild-type (WT) and TREM2 knock-out (KO) mouse bone marrow derived macrophages were cultured in the presence of M-CSF and soluble TREM2 antibody Fabs or soluble full-length antibodies, and cell viability was measured.

[0559] Macrophages isolated from the bone marrow of WT and KO mice were plated on non-tissue-culture-treated 96-well plates in the presence of 20ng/ml M-CSF and increasing amounts of the indicated soluble, non-cross-linked TREM2 antibody Fabs or soluble, full-length antibodies. Each condition was plated in triplicate. Analysis of viability was performed using Cell Titer Glo kit (Promega) 3 days later. Plates were read with a BioTek Synergy Microplate Reader using GEN5 2.04 software.

[0560] In **FIG. 17**, the “NT” dotted line indicates the average cell viability obtained with untreated macrophages (no antibody added). The “no MCSF” dotted line indicates the average cell viability obtained when macrophages were cultured in the absence of M-CSF.

[0561] When macrophage cell viability was evaluated with soluble, non-cross-linked TREM2 antibody Fabs, the results indicated that soluble, non-cross-linked TREM2 Fab fragments derived from antibody Ab52 decreased cell viability (**FIG. 17A**). In contrast, soluble, non-cross-linked TREM2 Fab fragments derived from antibody Ab21 did not inhibit viability and had an effect comparable to the isotype control Ab99 (**FIG. 17A**). The results demonstrate that the soluble, non-cross-linked Fab derived from TREM2 antibody Ab52 can function as an antagonist and inhibit the survival of macrophages *in vitro*.

[0562] When macrophage cell viability was evaluated with soluble, full-length antibodies, antibody Ab52 decreased cell viability more potently than did Ab21 (**FIG. 17B**). Indeed, soluble, full-length antibody Ab21 had an effect on cell that was comparable to that of isotype control Ab91 (**FIG. 17B**). The results demonstrate that soluble, full-length TREM2 antibody Ab52 can function as antagonist, when not cross-linked or clustered, and inhibit the survival of macrophages.

[0563] The results of these experiments indicate that the TREM2 antibody Ab52, in the absence of clustering, can inhibit the survival of innate immune cells such as macrophages. In

contrast, the TREM2 antibody Ab21, even in the absence of clustering, does not inhibit the survival of innate immune cells such as macrophages.

Example 36: Analysis of the ability of TREM2 antibodies to induce TREM2-dependent genes

[0564] The ability of plate bound anti-TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 to activate TREM2-dependent genes was evaluate using a luciferase reporter gene under the control of an NFAT (nuclear factor of activated T-cells) promoter.

[0565] A cell line derived from mouse thymus lymphoma T lymphocytes BW5147.G.1.4 (ATCC® TIB48™) was infected with mouse Trem2 and Dap12, and with Cignal Lenti NFAT-Luciferase virus (Qiagen). Full-length anti-TREM2 antibodies were plate bound at 10ug/ml in DPBS on tissue-culture treated clear bottom white 96well plates (100ul/well), overnight at 4°C. Wells were rinsed thrice with DPBS and subsequently were plated at 100,000 cells/well in media with 1% serum. As a positive control for signaling, PMA (0.05ug/ml) and ionomycin (0.25uM) were added together. Cells were incubated for 6 hours and luciferase activity was measured by adding OneGlo Reagent (Promega) to each well and incubating 3min at RT on a plate shaker. Luciferase signal was measured using a BioTek plate reader.

[0566] As shown in **FIG. 18A**, anti-TREM2 antibodies Ab 21and Ab52 increased luciferase activity, indicating that the antibodies were able to induce TREM2-dependent gene transcription.

[0567] As shown in **FIG. 18B**, plate bound phosphatidylserine (PS) induces TREM2-dependent gene expression. It is believed that PS is a natural ligand of TREM2. Thus, the results in **FIG. 18** indicate that agonist anti-TREM2 antibodies can mimic a natural ligand of TREM2.

[0568] The ability of plate bound anti-TREM2 Fab antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 to activate TREM2-dependent genes was evaluated using primary mouse macrophages. Bone marrow–derived macrophages (BMM) were generated with M-CSF for 5 days. BMM (10⁵/well) was seeded on 96 well plates that had been previously coated with the Fab portion of the antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 (50nM). Ultrapure LPS (100ng/ml *Escherichia coli* 0111:B4) was added after the plates were spun for 1 min at 1200 rpm. After 18 h of stimulation with LPS, cytokines present in cell supernatants were measured with cytometric bead array (CBA; BD Biosciences, CBA mouse inflammation kit).

[0569] As shown in **FIG. 18C and 18D**, plate bound anti-TREM2 Fab antibodies Ab 21 and Ab52 increased the levels of IL-6 and MCP-1, indicating that the antibodies were able to activate TREM2-dependent genes in primary immune cells.

Example 37: Analysis of the ability of TREM2 antibodies to inhibit TREM2-dependent genes

[0570] The ability of soluble, full-length anti-TREM2 antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 to inhibit TREM2-dependent genes was evaluated using a luciferase reporter gene under the control of an NFAT (nuclear factor of activated T-cells) promoter.

[0571] A cell line derived from mouse thymus lymphoma T lymphocytes BW5147.G.1.4 (ATCC® TIB48™) was infected with mouse Trem2 and Dap12, and with Cignal Lenti NFAT-Luciferase virus (Qiagen). Soluble, full-length anti-TREM2 antibodies Ab 21 or Ab52 were added at increasing concentration to the cells. Cells were incubated for 6 hours at 37°C and luciferase activity was measured using OneGlo Reagent (Promega).

[0572] The cells display tonic TREM2-dependent signaling due to either the presence of an endogenous ligand or to spontaneous receptor aggregation, which leads to TREM2 signaling.

[0573] The dotted line in **FIG. 19** indicates the levels of TREM2 activity without stimulation.

[0574] As shown in **FIG. 19**, soluble, full-length anti-TREM2 antibody Ab52 was able to inhibit tonic, TREM2-dependent gene expression. Soluble, full-length anti-TREM2 antibody Ab21 was able to partially inhibit tonic, TREM2-dependent gene expression; however the levels of gene expression were nearly the same as the levels of TREM2 activity without stimulation (**FIG. 19**).

Example 38: Summary of TREM2 antibody agonistic and antagonistic activity

[0575] Table 7 summarizes results of the functional studies described in Examples 35-37 above. Antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 demonstrated agonistic activity in activating TREM2-dependent gene expression using either a luciferase reporter gene (**FIG. 18**) or a beta-GAL reporter gene (Table 7). As indicated in Table 7, Ab21 showed an increased level of gene induction, compared to Ab52 when the luciferase reporter gene was used. However, Ab52

showed an increased level of gene induction, compared to Ab21 when the beta-GAL reporter gene was used (Table 7). Antibodies Ab21 and Ab52 also demonstrated agonistic activity in stimulating cell survival of innate immune cells (**FIG. 16**). Table 7 further summarizes results demonstrating the antagonistic effects of soluble, non-cross-linked antibody Ab52 in inhibiting cell survival of innate immune cells (**FIG. 17**). In contrast, soluble, non-cross-linked antibody Ab21 had minimal antagonistic activity in inhibiting cell survival (**FIG. 17**).

Table 7: TREM2 Antibody Agonist and Antagonist Activity

Antibody	Luciferase Agonistic antibody activity	beta-GAL Agonistic antibody activity	Survival Agonistic antibody activity	Luciferase Antagonistic antibody activity in solution/antagonistic Ab format
Ab52	+++	+++	+++	+++
Ab21	++++	++	+++	-/+
Isotype control	-	-	-	-

Example 39: Analysis of anti-Alzheimer's disease effect of agonist TREM2 antibodies

[0576] To evaluate the ability of agonistic anti-TREM2 antibodies to delay, prevent, or reverse the development of Alzheimer's disease (AD), 5X FAD mice are used. 5X FAD mice overexpress mutant human APP (695) with the Swedish (K670N, M671L), Florida (I716V), and London (V717I) familial Alzheimer's disease (FAD) mutations, along with human PS1 harboring two FAD mutations, M146L and L286V. Both transgenes are regulated by the mouse Thy1 promoter to drive over expression on the brain and recapitulate major features of AD. Mice treated with the agonistic anti-TREM2 antibodies or with control antibodies are tested for A beta plaque load with immunohistochemistry and by ELISA of tissue extracts. They are further tested for the number of microglia in the brain, and for reduction in cognitive deficit using Morris Water maze, a spatial learning and memory task, Radial Arm Water Maze, a spatial learning and memory task, Y Maze (quantifies spontaneous alternation as a measure of spatial cognition), novelty preference in an open field, operant learning to assess learning and memory, and fear conditioning (mousebiology.org website; Wang et al.,(2015) Cell. pii: S0092-8674(15)00127-0).

Example 40: Production, identification, and characterization of agonist anti-TREM2 antibodiesIntroduction

[0577] Antibodies that bind the extracellular domain of TREM2, particularly the extracellular domain (amino acid residues 19-174 of SEQ ID NO: 1) are generated using mouse hybridoma technology, phage display technology, and yeast display technology according to the methods described in Example 1 above. Antibodies were then screened for their ability to bind cells that express TREM2 and for their ability to activate TREM2 signaling and functions in cells and in a whole animal *in vivo* as described in Examples 41-67 below.

Results*Anti-TREM2 antibody production*

[0578] Antibodies that bind the extracellular domain of TREM2, particularly within the extracellular sequences located at amino residues 113-174 of SEQ ID NO: 1, were generated using the procedure described in Example 1.

[0579] A total of 87 antibodies were generated. The antibodies were then screened for TREM2 binding. Antibodies that were positive for binding to primary cells were tested for agonistic activity. From the 87 antibodies, certain antibodies (e.g., Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65) were selected for further analysis.

Antibody heavy chain and light chain variable domain sequences

[0580] Using standard techniques, the amino acid sequences encoding the heavy chain variable (**FIG. 20A**) and the light chain variable (**FIG. 20B**) domains of the generated antibodies were determined. The Kabat CDR sequences of the antibodies are set forth in Table 8.

Table 8: Kabat CDR sequences

Antibody Name	CDR H1	CDR H2	CDR H3	CDR L1	CDR L2	CDR L3
Ab1	FTFSSYAMS	VISGSGGSTYYADS VKG	AKGTPTLFQH	RASQSVSSNLA	GASTRAT	QQLPYWPPT
	(SEQ ID NO:3)	(SEQ ID NO:25)	(SEQ ID NO:50)	(SEQ ID NO:120)	(SEQ ID NO:138)	(SEQ ID NO:153)
Ab2	FTFSSSAMS	AISGSGGSTYYADS VKG	AKVPSYDYWSGYSN YYYYMDV	RASQSVGSNLA	GASTRAT	QQYFFYPPT
	(SEQ ID NO:4)	(SEQ ID NO:26)	(SEQ ID NO:51)	(SEQ ID NO:121)	(SEQ ID NO:138)	(SEQ ID NO:154)
Ab3	GTFSSYAIS	GIIPFGTANYAQKF QG	AREQYHVGMDV	QASQDISNYLN	DASNLAT	QQPENFPYT
	(SEQ ID NO:5)	(SEQ ID NO:27)	(SEQ ID NO:52)	(SEQ ID NO:122)	(SEQ ID NO:139)	(SEQ ID NO:155)
Ab4	GTFSSYAIS	GIIPFGTASYAQKFQ G	ARGVDSIMDY	RASQSVSSNLA	SASTRAT	QQDEHDYPFT
	(SEQ ID NO:5)	(SEQ ID NO:28)	(SEQ ID NO:53)	(SEQ ID NO:120)	(SEQ ID NO:140)	(SEQ ID NO:156)
Ab5	YTFTSYIYH	IINPSGGSTSYAQKF QG	ARAPQESPYVFEDI	RASQSVSSSYLA	GASSRAT	QQYFSSPPT
	(SEQ ID NO:6)	(SEQ ID NO:29)	(SEQ ID NO:54)	(SEQ ID NO:123)	(SEQ ID NO:141)	(SEQ ID NO:157)
Ab6	YTFTSYMYH	IINPGGGSTSYAQKF QG	ARGSPTYGYLYDP	RASQSVSSSYLA	DASKRAT	QQRVNLPPPT
	(SEQ ID NO:7)	(SEQ ID NO:30)	(SEQ ID NO:55)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:142)	(SEQ ID NO:158)
Ab7	YTFTSYMYH	IINPSGGSTTYAQKF QG	ARTSSKERDY	RASQSVSSSYLA	DASKRAT	QQRISYPIT
	(SEQ ID NO:7)	(SEQ ID NO:31)	(SEQ ID NO:56)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:142)	(SEQ ID NO:159)
Ab8	GSISSSSYWYG	SISYSGSTYYNP _S SLK	ARGPYRLLLGMDV	RASQSISSSYLN	GASSLQS	QQIDDTPTIT
	(SEQ ID NO:8)	(SEQ ID NO:32)	(SEQ ID NO:57)	(SEQ ID NO:125)	(SEQ ID NO:143)	(SEQ ID NO:160)
Ab9	YSFTSYWIG	IIPYGDSDT _G TYSPSFQ	ARLHISGEVNWFDIP	RASQSVSSSYLA	DASN _R AT	QQFSYWPWT

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Ab10	(SEQ ID NO:9) YSFTSNWIG	(SEQ ID NO:33) IYPGDS DTRYSPSF QG	(SEQ ID NO:58) AREAGYDYGE LAFD I	(SEQ ID NO:124) RASQSVSSSYLA	(SEQ ID NO:144) GASSRAT	(SEQ ID NO:161) QQHDSSPPT
	(SEQ ID NO:10) YSFTTYWIG	(SEQ ID NO:34) IYPGDS DTRYSPSF QG	(SEQ ID NO:59) ARAGHYDGGHLM DV	(SEQ ID NO:123) RASQSVSSDYLA	(SEQ ID NO:141) GASSRAT	(SEQ ID NO:162) QQDYSPWWT
Ab11	(SEQ ID NO:11) YSFTSYWIG	(SEQ ID NO:34) IYPGDS DTRYSPSF QG	(SEQ ID NO:60) ARLGHYSGTVSSYG MDV	(SEQ ID NO:126) RASQSISSYLN	(SEQ ID NO:141) AASSLQS	(SEQ ID NO:163) QQEYAVPYT
	(SEQ ID NO:9) YTFTSYGIS	(SEQ ID NO:34) WISAYNGNTNYAQ KLQG	(SEQ ID NO:61) ARGPSHYDLA	(SEQ ID NO:125) RASQSVSSSYLA	(SEQ ID NO:145) DASNRAT	(SEQ ID NO:164) QQVSNYPIT
Ab14	(SEQ ID NO:12) GSISGGYYWS	(SEQ ID NO:35) NIYYSGSTVYNPSLK S	(SEQ ID NO:62) ARGLYGYGVLDV	(SEQ ID NO:124) QASQDISNYLN	(SEQ ID NO:144) DASNLET	(SEQ ID NO:165) QQVDNIPPT
	(SEQ ID NO:13) GSISGGYYWS	(SEQ ID NO:36) NIYYSGSTVYNPSLK S	(SEQ ID NO:63) ARGLYGYGVLDV	(SEQ ID NO:122) QASQDISNYLN	(SEQ ID NO:146) DASNLET	(SEQ ID NO:166) QQFDITYPT
Ab16	(SEQ ID NO:13) GSISNSYYWG	(SEQ ID NO:36) SIYYSGSTVYNPSLK S (SEQ ID NO:37)	(SEQ ID NO:63) ARGVLGYGVFDY	(SEQ ID NO:122) QASQDISNYLN	(SEQ ID NO:146) DASNLET	(SEQ ID NO:167) QQFLNFPT
	(SEQ ID NO:14) GSISNSYYWG	(SEQ ID NO:37) SIYYSGSTVYNPSLK S	(SEQ ID NO:64) ARGVLGYGVFDY	(SEQ ID NO:122) QASQDISNYLN	(SEQ ID NO:146) DASNLET	(SEQ ID NO:168) QQFFNFPT
Ab18	(SEQ ID NO:14) GSISYYWS	(SEQ ID NO:37) SIYYSGSTVYNPSLK S	(SEQ ID NO:64) ARDGGGEYPSGTFP DI	(SEQ ID NO:122) QASQDISNYLN	(SEQ ID NO:146) DASNLET	(SEQ ID NO:169) QQFIDLPT
	(SEQ ID NO:15) GSISYYWS	(SEQ ID NO:38) SIYYSGSTVYNPSLK S	(SEQ ID NO:65) ARDGGGEYPSGTFP DI	(SEQ ID NO:122) QASQDISNYLN	(SEQ ID NO:146) DASNLET	(SEQ ID NO:170) QQFIDLPT

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Ab19	GSISYYWS	SIYSGSTNYNP _S SLK	ARDGGGEYPSGTPF _{DI}	QASQDISNYLN	DASNLET	QQYYDLPFT
	(SEQ ID NO:15)	(SEQ ID NO:38)	(SEQ ID NO:65)	(SEQ ID NO:122)	(SEQ ID NO:146)	(SEQ ID NO:171)
Ab20	GSISYYWS	SIYSGSTNYNP _S SLK	ARSGMASFFDY	RASQSVSSDYLA	GASSRAT	QQFSSHPFT
	(SEQ ID NO:15)	(SEQ ID NO:38)	(SEQ ID NO:66)	(SEQ ID NO:126)	(SEQ ID NO:141)	(SEQ ID NO:172)
	YSFTTYWIG	IIYPGDSIDTRYSPSF _{QG}	ARAGHYDGGHLM _{DV}	RASQSVSSSYLA	GASSRAT	QQDDDRSPYT
Ab22	(SEQ ID NO:11)	(SEQ ID NO:34)	(SEQ ID NO:60)	(SEQ ID NO:123)	(SEQ ID NO:141)	(SEQ ID NO:173)
	FTFSSYAMS	AISGSGGSTYYADS _{VKG}	AKLGGHMDV	KSSQSVLYSSNN _{KNYLA}	WASTRES	QQAYLPPIT
	(SEQ ID NO:3)	(SEQ ID NO:26)	(SEQ ID NO:67)	(SEQ ID NO:127)	(SEQ ID NO:147)	(SEQ ID NO:174)
Ab24	FTFSSYAMS	AISGSGGSTYYADS _{VKG}	AKPLKRGGRFY	RASQSISSYLN	AASSIQS	QQAFSPPPWT
	(SEQ ID NO:3)	(SEQ ID NO:26)	(SEQ ID NO:68)	(SEQ ID NO:125)	(SEQ ID NO:145)	(SEQ ID NO:175)
	FTFSSYAMS	VISGSGGSTYYADS _{VKG}	AKEGRTTMD	RASQSVSSSYLA	GASSRAT	QQDDDRSPT
Ab25	(SEQ ID NO:3)	(SEQ ID NO:25)	(SEQ ID NO:69)	(SEQ ID NO:123)	(SEQ ID NO:141)	(SEQ ID NO:176)
	FTFSSYAMS	VISGSGGSTYYADS _{VKG}	AKDQYSVLDY	RASQSVSSSYLA	DASNRAT	QQEFDLPFT
	(SEQ ID NO:3)	(SEQ ID NO:25)	(SEQ ID NO:70)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:144)	(SEQ ID NO:177)
Ab26	FTFSSYAMS	AISGSGGSTYYADS _{VKG}	AKKYSSRGVYFDY	RASQSVSSSYLA	DASNRAT	QQYNNFPPT
	(SEQ ID NO:3)	(SEQ ID NO:26)	(SEQ ID NO:71)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:144)	(SEQ ID NO:178)
	FTFSSYAMS	AISGSGGSTYYADS _{VKG}	ARLGAVGARHVITY _{FDY}	RASQSVSSSYLA	DASKRAT	QQRYLRPT
Ab27	(SEQ ID NO:3)	(SEQ ID NO:26)	(SEQ ID NO:72)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:142)	(SEQ ID NO:179)
	FTFSSYAMS	AISGSGGSTYYADS _{VKG}				
	(SEQ ID NO:3)	(SEQ ID NO:26)				

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Ab29	FTFSSYGMH	VISYDGSNKYYADS VKG	ARGQYYGGSGWFD P	RASQSVSSSYLA	GASSRAT	QQPGAVPT
	(SEQ ID NO:16)	(SEQ ID NO:39)	(SEQ ID NO:73)	(SEQ ID NO:123)	(SEQ ID NO:141)	(SEQ ID NO:180)
Ab30	FTFSSYAMS	AISGSGGSTYYADS VKG	ARLQGEYAYFQH	RASQSISSYLN	GASSLQS	QQVYITPIT
	(SEQ ID NO:3)	(SEQ ID NO:26)	(SEQ ID NO:74)	(SEQ ID NO:125)	(SEQ ID NO:143)	(SEQ ID NO:181)
Ab31	FTFSSYGMH	LIWYDGSNKYYADS VKG	ARRRDGYYDEVFDI	QASQDISNFLN	DASNLET	QQPVDLPFT
	(SEQ ID NO:16)	(SEQ ID NO:40)	(SEQ ID NO:75)	(SEQ ID NO:128)	(SEQ ID NO:146)	(SEQ ID NO:182)
Ab32	FTFSSYAMS	AISGSGGSTYYADS VKG	ARVPKHYYVVDY	RASQSVSSSYLA	DASNRAT	QQYSFFPPT
	(SEQ ID NO:3)	(SEQ ID NO:26)	(SEQ ID NO:76)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:144)	(SEQ ID NO:183)
Ab33	FTFSSYGMH	VISYDGSNKYYADS VKG	ARAGGHLDY	RASQSVSSSYLA	DASNRAT	QQDSSFFPPT
	(SEQ ID NO:16)	(SEQ ID NO:39)	(SEQ ID NO:77)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:144)	(SEQ ID NO:184)
Ab34	FTFSSYGMH	VISYDGSNKYYADS VKG	ARDRGGEYVDFAFD I	RASQSISSYLN	AASSLQS	QQSDFFPWT
	(SEQ ID NO:16)	(SEQ ID NO:39)	(SEQ ID NO:78)	(SEQ ID NO:125)	(SEQ ID NO:145)	(SEQ ID NO:185)
Ab35	FTFSSYAMS	AISGSGGSTYYADS VKG	ARTRSGYGASNYFD Y	RASQSISSYLN	AASSLQS	QQGYSAFIT
	(SEQ ID NO:3)	(SEQ ID NO:26)	(SEQ ID NO:79)	(SEQ ID NO:125)	(SEQ ID NO:145)	(SEQ ID NO:186)
Ab36	FTFSTYGMH	VIWYDGSNKYYADS VKG	ARGTGAAAASPAFDI	RASQSVSSSYLA	DASNRAT	QQLFDWPT
	(SEQ ID NO:17)	(SEQ ID NO:41)	(SEQ ID NO:80)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:144)	(SEQ ID NO:187)
Ab37	FTFSSYAMS	AISGSGGSTYYADS VKG	ARVGQYMLGMDV	RASQSVSSSYLA	DASNRAT	QQRAFLFT

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	(SEQ ID NO:3)	(SEQ ID NO:26)	(SEQ ID NO:81)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:144)	(SEQ ID NO:188)
Ab38	FTFSTYGMH	VIWYDGSNKYYADS VKG	ARGAPVDYGGIEPE YFQH	RASQSVSSYLA	DASNRAT	QQIDFLPYT
	(SEQ ID NO:17)	(SEQ ID NO:41)	(SEQ ID NO:82)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:144)	(SEQ ID NO:189)
Ab39	FTFSSYAMS	AISGSGGSTYYADS VKG	AKHYHVGIAFDI	RASQSISSYLN	AASSLQS	QQVYSPPT
	(SEQ ID NO:3)	(SEQ ID NO:26)	(SEQ ID NO:83)	(SEQ ID NO:125)	(SEQ ID NO:145)	(SEQ ID NO:190)
Ab40	FTFSSYAMS	AISGSGGSTYYADS VKG	ARTRSGYGASNYFD Y	RASQSISSYLN	AASSLQS	QQGYAAPIT
	(SEQ ID NO:3)	(SEQ ID NO:26)	(SEQ ID NO:79)	(SEQ ID NO:125)	(SEQ ID NO:145)	(SEQ ID NO:191)
Ab41	FTFSTYAMS	AISGSGGSTYYADS VKG	ARAMARKSVAFDI	RASQSVSSYLA	DASNRAT	QQRVALPIT
	(SEQ ID NO:18)	(SEQ ID NO:26)	(SEQ ID NO:84)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:144)	(SEQ ID NO:192)
Ab42	FTFSSSAMS	AISGSGGSTYYADS VKG	AKVPSYQRGTAFDP	RASQSVSSYLA	GASSRAT	QQYASPPIT
	(SEQ ID NO:4)	(SEQ ID NO:26)	(SEQ ID NO:85)	(SEQ ID NO:123)	(SEQ ID NO:141)	(SEQ ID NO:193)
Ab43	FTFSSSAMS	AISGSGGSTYYADS VKG	AKSPAVAGTYRADY	RASQSISSYLN	AASSLQS	QQVYSTPIT
	(SEQ ID NO:4)	(SEQ ID NO:26)	(SEQ ID NO:86)	(SEQ ID NO:129)	(SEQ ID NO:145)	(SEQ ID NO:194)
Ab44	FTFSTYGMH	VIWYDGSNKYYADS VKG	ARGTGAAAASPAFDI	RASQSVSSYLA	DSSNRAT	QQLVHWPT
	(SEQ ID NO:17)	(SEQ ID NO:41)	(SEQ ID NO:80)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:148)	(SEQ ID NO:195)
Ab45	YTFTSYMH	IINPSGGSTSYAQKF QG	ARGPGYTTALDYY MDV	RASQSVSSNLA	GASTRAT	QQLDDWFT
	(SEQ ID NO:7)	(SEQ ID NO:29)	(SEQ ID NO:87)	(SEQ ID NO:120)	(SEQ ID NO:138)	(SEQ ID NO:196)
Ab46	YTFTSYMH	IINPSGGSTSYAQKF QG	ARPAKTADY	RASQSVSSYLA	DSSNRAT	QQRSNYPT

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Ab47	(SEQ ID NO:7) YTFTSYMH	(SEQ ID NO:29) IINPSGGSTTYAQKF QG	(SEQ ID NO:88) ARPGKMDV	(SEQ ID NO:124) RASQSVSSYLA	(SEQ ID NO:148) DASNRAT	(SEQ ID NO:197) QQRILYPIT
	(SEQ ID NO:7) YTFTSYMH	(SEQ ID NO:31) IINPSGGSTTYAQKF QG	(SEQ ID NO:89) ARPGKMDV	(SEQ ID NO:124) RASQSVSSYLA	(SEQ ID NO:144) DASNRAT	(SEQ ID NO:198) QQRAAYPIT
Ab48	(SEQ ID NO:7) YTFTSYMH	(SEQ ID NO:31) IINPSGGSTTYAQKF QG	(SEQ ID NO:89) ARPAKTADY	(SEQ ID NO:124) RASQSVSSYLA	(SEQ ID NO:144) DASKRAT	(SEQ ID NO:199) QQRTSHPIT
	(SEQ ID NO:7) YTFTSYMH	(SEQ ID NO:29) IINPSGGSTTYAQKF QG	(SEQ ID NO:88) ARAPQESPYVFDI	(SEQ ID NO:124) RASQSVSSYLA	(SEQ ID NO:142) GASSRAT	(SEQ ID NO:200) QQYAGSPFT
Ab50	(SEQ ID NO:6) YTFTSYMH	(SEQ ID NO:29) IINPSGGSTTYAQKF QG	(SEQ ID NO:54) ARGVGGQDYVYMD V	(SEQ ID NO:123) RASQSVSSYLA	(SEQ ID NO:141) AASSLQS	(SEQ ID NO:201) QQFDDVFT
	(SEQ ID NO:7) YTFTSYMH	(SEQ ID NO:29) IINPSGGSTTYAQKF QG	(SEQ ID NO:90) ARAPQESPYVFDI	(SEQ ID NO:125) RASQSVSSYLA	(SEQ ID NO:145) GASSRAT	(SEQ ID NO:202) QQYVNSPFT
Ab53	(SEQ ID NO:6) YTFTSYMH	(SEQ ID NO:29) IINPSGGSTTYAQKF QG	(SEQ ID NO:54) ARGPGYTTALDYVY MDV	(SEQ ID NO:123) RASQSVSSYLA	(SEQ ID NO:141) AASSLQS	(SEQ ID NO:203) QQSDDDDPFT
	(SEQ ID NO:7) YTFTSYMH	(SEQ ID NO:29) IINPSGGSTTYAQKF QG	(SEQ ID NO:87) ARGPLVHPMIFDY	(SEQ ID NO:130) RASQSVSSYLA	(SEQ ID NO:145) DASNRAT	(SEQ ID NO:204) QQLSYPLT
Ab55	(SEQ ID NO:19) YTFTSYMH	(SEQ ID NO:42) SINPSGGTNYAQK FQG	(SEQ ID NO:91) ARASSVDN	(SEQ ID NO:124) RASQSVSSYLA	(SEQ ID NO:144) DASNRAT	(SEQ ID NO:205) QQRSVYPIT
	(SEQ ID NO:20) YTFTSYMH	(SEQ ID NO:43) SINPSGGTNYAQK FQG	(SEQ ID NO:92) ARASSVDN	(SEQ ID NO:124) RASQSVSSYLA	(SEQ ID NO:144) DASNRAT	(SEQ ID NO:206) QQRSVYPIT

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Ab57	YTFTNYGIS	WISAYNGNTNYAQ KLQG	ARGPTKAYYGSGSY VVFDP	RASQSVSSYLA	DASKRAT	QQVSLFPLT
	(SEQ ID NO:21)	(SEQ ID NO:35)	(SEQ ID NO:93)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:142)	(SEQ ID NO:207)
Ab58	YSFTSYWIG	IIYPGDS DTRYSPSF QG	ARLGISTGATAFDI	RASQSISSWLA	DASSLES	LDYNSYSPT
	(SEQ ID NO:9)	(SEQ ID NO:34)	(SEQ ID NO:94)	(SEQ ID NO:131)	(SEQ ID NO:149)	(SEQ ID NO:208)
Ab59	YTFTGSYMH	WINPNSGGTNYAQK FQG	ARGGVWYSLFDI	QASQDISNYLN	DASNLET	QQHIALPPT
	(SEQ ID NO:19)	(SEQ ID NO:42)	(SEQ ID NO:95)	(SEQ ID NO:122)	(SEQ ID NO:146)	(SEQ ID NO:209)
Ab60	YTFTGYYMH	WINPNSGGTNYAQK FQG	ARASKMGDD	RASQSVSSYLA	DASKRAT	QQRASMPPT
	(SEQ ID NO:20)	(SEQ ID NO:44)	(SEQ ID NO:96)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:142)	(SEQ ID NO:210)
Ab61	YTFTSYGHI	WISAYNGNTNYAQ KLQG	ARGGVPRVSYFQH	RASQSVSSYLA	DSSNRAT	QQAFNRPPT
	(SEQ ID NO:22)	(SEQ ID NO:35)	(SEQ ID NO:97)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:148)	(SEQ ID NO:211)
Ab62	YSFTSYWIG	IIYPGDS DTRYSPSF QG	ARAGHYDDWSGLG LDV	RASQSVSSYLA	DASKRAT	QQSSVHPYT
	(SEQ ID NO:9)	(SEQ ID NO:34)	(SEQ ID NO:98)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:142)	(SEQ ID NO:212)
Ab63	YTFTSYGIS	WISTYNGNTNYAQK LQG	ARGSGGYDSWYD	RASQGIDSWLA	AASSLQS	QQAYSLPPT
	(SEQ ID NO:12)	(SEQ ID NO:45)	(SEQ ID NO:99)	(SEQ ID NO:132)	(SEQ ID NO:145)	(SEQ ID NO:213)
Ab64	YSFTSYWIG	IIYPGDS DTRYSPSF QG	ARLGRWSSGSTAFDI	RASQSVSSNLA	GASTRAT	QQDDDDGYT
	(SEQ ID NO:9)	(SEQ ID NO:34)	(SEQ ID NO:100)	(SEQ ID NO:120)	(SEQ ID NO:138)	(SEQ ID NO:214)
Ab65	YSFTSYWIG	IIYPGDS DTRYSPSF QG	ARLGRKPSGSVAFDI	RASQSVSSYLA	DASNRAT	QQDYSWPYT
	(SEQ ID NO:9)	(SEQ ID NO:34)	(SEQ ID NO:101)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:144)	(SEQ ID NO:215)

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Ab66	YTFTGSYMH	WINPNSGGTNYAQK FQG	ARAGHKTHDY	RASQSVSSYLA	DASNRAT	QQRSAYPIT
	(SEQ ID NO:19)	(SEQ ID NO:42)	(SEQ ID NO:102)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:144)	(SEQ ID NO:216)
	YTFTSYMH	IIPNSGGSTTYAQKF QG	ARPGKMDV	RASQSVSSYLA	DASNRAT	QQRSHFPIT
Ab67	(SEQ ID NO:7)	(SEQ ID NO:31)	(SEQ ID NO:89)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:144)	(SEQ ID NO:217)
	FTFSSYGMH	LIWYDGSNKYYADS VKG	AKPGSMTDY	RASQSVSSYLA	DASNRAT	QQRANYPIT
	(SEQ ID NO:16)	(SEQ ID NO:40)	(SEQ ID NO:103)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:144)	(SEQ ID NO:218)
Ab69	YTFTGSYMH	WINPNSGGTNYAQK FQG	ARAKSVDHIDY	RASQSVSSYLA	DASNRAT	QQRADYPIT
	(SEQ ID NO:19)	(SEQ ID NO:42)	(SEQ ID NO:104)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:144)	(SEQ ID NO:219)
	YTFTGYYMH	WINPNSGGTNYAQK FQG	ARASKMGDD	RASQSVSSYLA	DASNRAT	QQRSVYPIT
Ab70	(SEQ ID NO:20)	(SEQ ID NO:44)	(SEQ ID NO:96)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:144)	(SEQ ID NO:206)
	YTFTSYMH	IIPNSGGSTNYAQKF QG	ARDISTHDYDLAFDI	RASQSVSSYLA	GASNRAT	QQAAGSHPFT
	(SEQ ID NO:7)	(SEQ ID NO:29)	(SEQ ID NO:105)	(SEQ ID NO:123)	(SEQ ID NO:150)	(SEQ ID NO:220)
Ab72	GSISSYYWS	SIYYSGSTNYPNPSLK S	ARSGTETLFDY	QASQDITNYLN	DASNLET	QQDVNYPPT
	(SEQ ID NO:15)	(SEQ ID NO:38)	(SEQ ID NO:106)	(SEQ ID NO:133)	(SEQ ID NO:146)	(SEQ ID NO:221)
	YSFTSYWIG	IIPGDSDTTYSFSFG G	ARAKMLDDGYAFDI	RASQSVSSNLA	GASTRAT	QQDDNYPYT
Ab74	(SEQ ID NO:9)	(SEQ ID NO:33)	(SEQ ID NO:107)	(SEQ ID NO:120)	(SEQ ID NO:138)	(SEQ ID NO:222)
	YTFTGSYMH	WINPNSGGTNYAQK FQG	ARAGHKTHDY	RASQSVSSYLA	DASNRAT	QQRSTFPIT
	(SEQ ID NO:19)	(SEQ ID NO:42)	(SEQ ID NO:102)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:144)	(SEQ ID NO:223)

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Ab75	YTFTGYMH	WINPNSGGTNYAQK FQG	ARDLGYSSLLALDI	RASQSVSSYLA	DASNRAT	QQVSNYPFT
	(SEQ ID NO:20)	(SEQ ID NO:42)	(SEQ ID NO:108)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:144)	(SEQ ID NO:224)
Ab76	FTFSSYSMN	SISSSSYIYADSVK G	ARGGRRRGDNNWF DP	KSSQSVLYSSNN KNYLA	WASTRES	QQYHDAPIT
	(SEQ ID NO:23)	(SEQ ID NO:46)	(SEQ ID NO:109)	(SEQ ID NO:127)	(SEQ ID NO:147)	(SEQ ID NO:225)
Ab77	FTFSSYGMH	VISYDGSNKYYADS VKG	ARGPPHEMDY	KSSQSVLYSSNN KNYLA	WASTRES	QQAYVVPPT
	(SEQ ID NO:16)	(SEQ ID NO:39)	(SEQ ID NO:110)	(SEQ ID NO:127)	(SEQ ID NO:147)	(SEQ ID NO:226)
Ab78	FTFSSYGMH	VIWYDGSNKYYADS VKG	ARTYPWYFDL	RASQSVSSYLA	DASNRAT	QQADNWPFT
	(SEQ ID NO:16)	(SEQ ID NO:41)	(SEQ ID NO:111)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:144)	(SEQ ID NO:227)
Ab79	FTFSSYSMN	YISGSSSTIYADSV KG	ARGGRRHYGGMDV	RSSQSLHHSNGY NYLD	LGSHRAS	MQALESPT
	(SEQ ID NO:23)	(SEQ ID NO:47)	(SEQ ID NO:112)	(SEQ ID NO:134)	(SEQ ID NO:151)	(SEQ ID NO:228)
Ab80	GTFSSYALS	GIPIFGTANYAQKF QG	ARGGTFWSGSWA LY	RASQSVSSYLA	DASNRAT	QQYVNWPFPT
	(SEQ ID NO:5)	(SEQ ID NO:27)	(SEQ ID NO:113)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:144)	(SEQ ID NO:229)
Ab81	GTFSSYALS	GIPIFGTANYAQKF QG	ARDSGNYDYWSGA LRY	RASQSVSSYLA	DASNRAT	QQSSNWPWT
	(SEQ ID NO:5)	(SEQ ID NO:27)	(SEQ ID NO:114)	(SEQ ID NO:124)	(SEQ ID NO:144)	(SEQ ID NO:230)
Ab82	GSISSGGYYWS	YIYYSGSTVYNP _S SLK	ARVSSSWYKA	RASQGISSWLA	AASSLQS	QQASTFPIT
	(SEQ ID NO:13)	(SEQ ID NO:48)	(SEQ ID NO:115)	(SEQ ID NO:135)	(SEQ ID NO:145)	(SEQ ID NO:231)
Ab83	GSFSGYYWS	EIDHSGSTKYNP _S SLK	ARVG _{FDI} VVGRPGYSA	RASQGISSWLA	AASSLQS	QQRNSLPLT
	(SEQ ID NO:24)	(SEQ ID NO:49)	(SEQ ID NO:116)	(SEQ ID NO:135)	(SEQ ID NO:145)	(SEQ ID NO:232)

Antibody Name	CDR H1	CDR H2	CDR H3	CDR L1	CDR L2	CDR L3
Ab84	YTFTSYGIS	WISTYNGNTNYAQK LQG	ARGSGGYDSWYD	RASQSISSYLN	AASSLQS	QQSYDFPPT
	(SEQ ID NO:12)	(SEQ ID NO:45)	(SEQ ID NO:99)	(SEQ ID NO:125)	(SEQ ID NO:145)	(SEQ ID NO:233)
Ab85	FTFSSYGMH	VIWYDGSNKYYADS VKG	AKDLGGYYGGAAY GMDV	RASQDISSWLA	AASSLQS	QQEVDYPPLT
	(SEQ ID NO:16)	(SEQ ID NO:41)	(SEQ ID NO:117)	(SEQ ID NO:136)	(SEQ ID NO:145)	(SEQ ID NO:234)
Ab86	FTFSSYGMH	VISYDGSNKYYADS VKG	AKDGVVYYGLGNWF DP	RASQSISSWLA	KASSLES	QQLNSYSPT
	(SEQ ID NO:16)	(SEQ ID NO:39)	(SEQ ID NO:118)	(SEQ ID NO:131)	(SEQ ID NO:152)	(SEQ ID NO:235)
Ab87	GSISSYYWS	SIYYSGSTNYPNPSLK S	ARHGWDVRVGVFDP	RASQSVSRYL A	DASNRAT	QQYIFWPPT
	(SEQ ID NO:15)	(SEQ ID NO:38)	(SEQ ID NO:119)	(SEQ ID NO:137)	(SEQ ID NO:144)	(SEQ ID NO:236)

Characterization of Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 binding

[0581] Initial characterization of TREM2 antibodies involved determining their ability to bind TREM2 expressed on dendritic and other primary human or mouse immune cells. Cells were harvested, plated at 10^5 /ml in a 96 well plate, washed, and incubated in 100ul PBS containing 10-50 ug/ml Mab and Fc blocking reagent for 1 hour in ice. Cells were then washed twice and incubated in 100ul PBS containing 5ug/ml PE-conjugated secondary antibody for 30 minutes in ice. Cells were washed twice in cold PBS and acquired on a BD FACS Canto. Data analysis and calculation of MFI values was performed with FlowJo (TreeStar) software version 10.0.7.

[0582] Antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 demonstrated binding to a mouse cell line (BWZ T2) expressing recombinant mouse TREM2, as indicated by positive TREM2 antibody staining detected via FACS analysis (black outlined histograms) (**FIG. 21A**). The negative isotype control (antibody Ab88) did not demonstrate binding. Antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 demonstrated antibody binding to WT (Trem +/+) bone marrow derived mouse macrophages (BMMac, mMac), but not to TREM2 deficient (TREM2 -/-) mouse macrophages (BMMac, mMac) (**FIG. 21B**). Antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 demonstrated binding to both a human cell line (293) expressing recombinant Human TREM2 (**FIG. 22A**) and to primary human dendritic cells (hDC) (**FIG. 22B**). Conversely, antibodies Ab43 and Ab60 bound to a human cell line expressing recombinant human TREM2 (**FIG. 22A**), but did not bind to primary human dendritic cells (**FIG. 22B**).

[0583] Mean fluorescent intensities (MFI) values for cell types bound by TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 are listed in Table 9. Binding is compared to the parental mouse cell line (mTREM2 cell line BWZ parental), primary human cell line (hTREM2 Parental Cell line (293)), primary mouse macrophages deficient in TREM2 (mMac KO MFI), and primary mouse dendritic cells deficient in TREM2 (mDC KO MFI). Results in Table 9 indicate that Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 bind specifically to cell lines overexpressing human and mouse TREM2 on the cell membrane, but not to control cell lines that do not express TREM2. The antibodies also bind to primary human macrophages and primary mouse macrophages and dendritic cells. Binding to mouse primary cells is specific, as it is not detected on primary cells derived from TREM2 KO mice.

Table 9: TREM2 Antibody Binding to Human and Mouse Cells

Antibody	mTrem2 Cell line (BWZ- parental) MFI	mTrem2 Cell line (BWZ T2) MFI	hTrem2 Parental Cell line (293) MFI	hTrem2 Cell line (293) MFI	mMacs KO MFI	mMacs WT MFI	mDC KO MFI	mDC WT MFI	hDC % positive
Ab1	960	12626	86	1491	69.8	82.3	235	393	64.9
Ab9	1044	15691	83	2126	97.2	171.0	200	538	65.8
Ab14	852	11550	87	1656	77.9	145.0	218	529	75.8
Ab22	828	12451	82	1837	67.2	110.0	191	451	76.9
Ab45	1022	16288	141	2058	86.2	141.0	277	652	78.8
Ab65	1354	16122	93	1734	92.5	165.0	260	642	76.9

[0584] The binding affinity of each anti-TREM2 antibody was determined by measuring their K_D by ForteBio or MSD-SET. ForteBio affinity measurements were performed as previously described (Estep *et al*, (2013) *MAbs* 5(2):270-8). Briefly, ForteBio affinity measurements were performed by loading IgGs on-line onto AHQ sensors. Sensors were equilibrated off-line in assay buffer for 30 min and then monitored on-line for 60 seconds for baseline establishment. Sensors with loaded IgGs were exposed to 100 nM antigen for 5 minutes, then transferred to assay buffer for 5 min for off-rate measurement. Kinetics were analyzed using the 1:1 binding model.

[0585] Equilibrium affinity measurements were performed as previously described (Estep *et al*, (2013) *MAbs* 5(2):270-8). Solution equilibrium titrations (SET) were performed in PBS + 0.1% IgG-Free BSA (PBSF) with antigen held constant at 50 pM and incubated with 3-to 5-fold serial dilutions of antibody starting at 10 nM. Antibodies (20 nM in PBS) were coated onto standard bind MSD-ECL plates overnight at 4°C or at room temperature for 30 min. Plates were then blocked for 30 min with shaking at 700 rpm, followed by three washes with wash buffer (PBSF + 0.05% Tween 20). SET samples were applied and incubated on the plates for 150s with shaking at 700 rpm followed by one wash. Antigen captured on a plate was detected with 250ng/mL sulfotag-labeled streptavidin in PBSF by incubation on the plate for 3 min. The plates were washed three times with wash buffer and then read on the MSD Sector Imager 2400 instrument using 1x Read Buffer T with surfactant. The percent free antigen was plotted as a function of titrated antibody in Prism and fit to a quadratic equation to extract the K_D . To improve throughput, liquid handling robots were used throughout MSD-SET experiments, including SET sample preparation.

[0586] Table 10 lists values representing the binding affinity (K_D) of antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 to a human TREM2 Fc fusion protein (hTREM2-Fc), a human monomeric His tagged TREM2 protein (hTREM2-HIS), and a mouse TREM2 Fc fusion protein (mTREM2-Fc).

Table 10: Binding affinity of TREM2 antibodies

Antibody	IgG K_D hTREM2-Fc (M) Avid	IgG K_D hTREM2-HIS (M) Monovalent	IgG K_D mTREM2-Fc (M) Avid
Ab1	7.05E-10	6.67E-09	4.86E-09
Ab9	3.48E-10	6.32E-09	N.B.
Ab14	5.51E-10	3.19E-09	6.20E-10
Ab22	3.06E-10	1.01E-09	3.40E-10
Ab45	2.29E-10	6.54E-10	N.B.
Ab65	5.46E-10	5.01E-09	1.56E-09

Example 41: TREM2 antibodies induce the expression of CD83 and CD86 on human dendritic cells (DCs) and induce T cell proliferation

[0587] To evaluate the ability of anti-TREM2 antibodies to modify expression of CD83 and CD86, both plate bound and soluble antibodies were incubated with dendritic cells (DCs), and the expression of CD83, CD86, CCR7, and phosphorylated ERK were measured. To evaluate the ability of anti-TREM2 antibodies to modulate T cell proliferation, DCs were incubated with T cells and anti-TREM2 antibodies, and the level of T cell proliferation was measured.

[0588] Antibodies were plated overnight at 4C in 12 well plates at 2 or 5ug/ml in PBS. Wells were washed 3X with PBS the next day. On day 5, immature human DCs were harvested and plated at 1 million cells per well and incubated at 37C, 5% CO₂ in the absence of cytokine. FACS analysis of CD86, CD83, CD11c, HLA-DR, and LIN (BD Biosciences) was performed on a BD FACS Canto 48 hours later. Data analysis was performed with FlowJo (TreeStar) software version 10.0.7. Levels of CD83, CD86, and CCR7 were evaluated for CD11c+HLA-DR+LIN- cell populations. For intracellular ERK phosphorylation, cells were fixed with 1% formaldehyde, permeabilized with cytofix/cytoperm kit (BD), and intracellular Erk phosphorylation was determined with flow cytometry after staining with PE-ERK antibody (BD).

[0589] Alternatively, Day 5 immature human dendritic cells were plated at 100,000 cells per well in a U-bottom non-TC treated 96 well plate in media without cytokine. Antibodies

were added at 5ug/ml with or without LPS-removed anti-human secondary (Jackson ImmunoResearch) at 20ug/ml. FACS analysis for CD86, CD83, CD11c, HLA-DR, and LIN (BD Biosciences) was performed 48hrs post antibody addition as previously described.

[0590] Additionally, Day 5 immature dendritic cells (CD14⁻CD11c⁺ LIN⁻) were plated in 12 well dishes coated the previous day with 2ug/ml antibody. Plates were washed 3 times with PBS before addition of T cells. CD4⁺ T cells from non-autologous donors were isolated and labeled with CFSE before addition to DCs in ratio of 1:10, 1:50, or 1:250. CD3/CD28 Dynal beads serve as a positive control. Day 5 post co-culture cells were analyzed by flow cytometry on a BD FACSCanto II for CFSE dilution. Percent CFSE^{hi} compared to CFSE^{lo} cells were calculated for each condition with FlowJo (TreeStar).

[0591] Plate bound TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 increased the frequency of CD83+CD86+ DCs compared to the isotype control antibody Ab88 (**FIG. 23A**). Soluble antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab45, and Ab65, when cross-linked with anti-human secondary antibody, induced expression of CD86 on DCs. Conversely, cross-linked antibody Ab22 and non-cross-linked soluble antibodies did not induce CD86 expression (**FIG. 23B**). Based on these results, TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 function as agonists to induce the expression of inflammatory surface markers CD83 and CD86 on human dendritic cells.

Example 42: TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab20, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 induce Syk phosphorylation

[0592] Spleen tyrosine kinase (Syk) is an intracellular signaling molecule that functions downstream of TREM2 by phosphorylating several substrates, thereby facilitating the formation of a signaling complex leading to cellular activation and inflammatory processes. The ability of agonist TREM2 antibodies to induce Syk activation was determined by culturing human and mouse macrophages and primary human dendritic cells and measuring the phosphorylation state of Syk protein in cell extracts.

[0593] Bone marrow-derived macrophages (BMDM), WT mouse BMDM, TREM2 knockout (KO) mouse BMDM, and primary human dendritic cells were starved for 4 hours in 1% serum RPMI and then removed from tissue culture dishes with PBS-EDTA, washed with PBS, and counted. The cells were coated with full-length agonist TREM2 antibodies Ab1,

Ab9, Ab14, Ab20, Ab22, Ab45, Ab65, non-agonistic antibodies (Ab16, Ab77), or control antibodies (Ab89, or Ab92) for 15 minutes on ice. After washing with cold PBS, cells were incubated at 37°C for the indicated period of time in the presence of goat anti-human IgG. After stimulation, cells were lysed with lysis buffer (1% v/v NP-40%, 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 10% glycerol, plus protease and phosphatase inhibitors) followed by centrifugation at 16,000 g for 10 min at 4°C to remove insoluble materials. Lysates were then immunoprecipitated with anti-Syk Ab (N-19 for BMDM or 4D10 for human DCs, Santa Cruz Biotechnology). Precipitated proteins were fractionated by SDS-PAGE, transferred to PVDF membranes and probed with anti-phosphotyrosine Ab (4G10, Millipore). To confirm that all substrates were adequately immunoprecipitated, immunoblots were reprobed with anti-Syk Ab (Abcam, for BMDM) or anti-Syk (Novus Biological, for human DCs). Visualization was performed with the enhanced chemiluminescence (ECL) system (GE healthcare), as described (*e.g.*, Peng et al., (2010) *Sci Signal.*, 3(122): ra38).

[0594] TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab20, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 induced TREM-2 mediated Syk phosphorylation in BMDMs, (**FIG. 24A**). Syk phosphorylation induced by Antibodies Ab1, Ab9, and Ab45 is TREM-2 specific, as Syk phosphorylation is not induced when TREM2 KO BMDM are used as a control (**FIG. 24B**). TREM2 antibodies Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 induce Syk phosphorylation in primary human dendritic cells (**FIG. 24C**). Non agonistic antibodies (Ab16 and Ab77) or control antibodies (Ab89 and Ab92) did not induce Syk phosphorylation. Based on these results, TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab20, Ab22, Ab45, Ab65 function as agonists to induce Syk phosphorylation in macrophages and dendritic cells.

Example 43: TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 compete with TREM2 ligand for binding to human and mouse TREM2

[0595] The ability of agonist TREM2 antibodies to recognize the ligand-binding site on TREM2 was evaluated through competitive binding assays with *E.coli* cells expressing a putative TREM2 ligand.

[0596] *E.coli* were grown in 10ml LB media O/N, harvested by centrifuging, and washed twice in 10ml PBS. *E. coli* were then heat-inactivated by incubating in a 70°C water bath for

30min. *E.coli* were labeled with CellTracker DeepRed (ThermoFisher/ Invitrogen, 1uM final concentration) and subsequently washed thrice in 10ml PBS and resuspended in 1ml PBS at a concentration of 10^8 /ml. For competition binding, bacteria were added to a mouse TREM2 and DAP12 expressing cell line (BWZ), or to a BW cell line expressing a human TREM2/DAP12 fusion protein, together with 10 μ g/ml of full-length agonist TREM2 antibodies and incubated for one hour on ice. Cells were analyzed via FACS for binding of CellTracker labeled bacteria to the cell lines.

[0597] TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 inhibited the binding of *E.coli* bacteria to both human and mouse cells, indicating competitive binding of the antibodies to the ligand-binding site on TREM2 (FIG. 25). Non-agonistic control TREM2 antibodies (Ab66 and Ab68) partially inhibited bacterial binding to human cells expressing TREM2, but did not inhibit binding to mouse TREM2, indicating that they are weaker competitors of ligand binding.

Example 44: TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 induce DAP12 phosphorylation in mouse macrophages

[0598] TREM2 signals through DAP12, leading downstream to activation of PI3K and other intracellular signals. The ability of agonist TREM2 antibodies to induce DAP12 activation was determined by culturing mouse macrophages and measuring the phosphorylation state of DAP12 protein in cell extracts.

[0599] Before stimulation with mAbs, mouse wild-type (WT) bone marrow-derived macrophages (BMDM) and TREM2 knockout (KO) BMDM were starved for 4h in 1% serum RPMI. 15×10^6 cells were incubated in ice for 15 min with full-length agonistic or control antibodies. Cells were washed and incubated at 37°C for the indicated period of time in the presence of goat anti-human IgG. After stimulation, cells were lysed with lysis buffer (1% v/v NP-40%, 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 10% glycerol, plus protease and phosphatase inhibitors), followed by centrifugation at 16,000 g for 10 min at 4°C to remove insoluble materials. Cell lysate was immunoprecipitated with a second TREM2 antibody (R&D Systems). Precipitated proteins were fractionated by SDS-PAGE, transferred to PVDF membranes, and probed with anti-phosphotyrosine Ab (4G10, Millipore). The membrane was stripped and reprobed with anti-DAP12 antibody (Cells

Signaling, D7G1X). Each cell lysate used for TREM2 immunoprecipitations contained an equal amount of proteins, as indicated by a control Ab (anti-actin, Santa Cruz).

[0600] DAP12 co-precipitated with TREM2 and was phosphorylated in WT macrophages incubated with agonist TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 (**FIG. 26A and 26B**). Conversely, no DAP12 phosphorylation was observed in TREM2 KO (TREM2^{-/-}) macrophages incubated with antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab22, or Ab45 (**FIG. 26B**). These results demonstrate that agonistic antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab22, and Ab45 induce phosphorylation of TREM-2-associated DAP12 in a TREM-2 specific manner, as DAP12 phosphorylation is absent in TREM-2 deficient BMDM.

Example 45: Epitope mapping of TREM2 antibodies and comparison of TREM2 antibodies to reference TREM2 antibodies

[0601] TREM2 antibodies were tested for their ability to bind 15 or 25 mer peptides spanning the entire human and mouse TREM2. The TREM2 antibodies were also compared to a reference TREM2 antibody by determining their TREM2 binding region.

[0602] Linear 15-mer peptides were synthesized based on the sequence of human or mouse TREM2, with a 14 residue overlap. In addition, linear 25-mer peptides were synthesized based on sequence of human or mouse TREM2 with a 1 residue shift. The binding of TREM2 antibodies to each of the synthesized peptides was tested in an ELISA based method. In this assay, the peptide arrays were incubated with primary antibody solution (overnight at 4°C). After washing, the peptide arrays were incubated with a 1/1000 dilution of an antibody peroxidase conjugate (SBA, cat. nr. 2010-05) for one hour at 25°C. After washing, the peroxidase substrate 2,2'-azino-di-3-ethylbenzthiazoline sulfonate (ABTS) and 2 µl/ml of 3% H₂O₂ were added. After one hour, the color development was measured. The color development was quantified with a charge coupled device (CCD) camera and an image processing system.

[0603] To evaluate antibody binding regions, human TREM2-Fc was incubated with immobilized full-length agonist TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, Ab63, Ab65, or Ab87, and TREM2 antibody MAB17291 (R&D Systems) was subsequently added. Epitope binning of the antibodies was performed on a Forte Bio Octet Red384 system (Pall Forte Bio Corporation, Menlo Park, CA) using a standard sandwich format binning assay (see

Estep *et al.*, (2013) *MAbs* 5(2):270-8). Control anti-target IgG was loaded onto AHQ sensors and unoccupied Fc-binding sites on the sensor were blocked with a non-relevant human IgG1 antibody. The sensors were then exposed to 100 nM target antigen followed by a second anti-target antibody. Data was processed using ForteBio's Data Analysis Software 7.0. Additional binding by the second antibody after antigen association indicates an unoccupied epitope (non-competitor), while no binding indicates epitope blocking (competitor).

[0604] Antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab28, and Ab29 yielded strong and robust binding exclusively for peptides from Set1 and Set2, which are derived from the sequence of human TREM2. All four antibodies bound peptides that contain the region between amino acid residues 139-146 of human TREM2 (¹³⁹GDLWFPGE¹⁴⁶ (SEQ ID NO: 237)) (**FIG. 27A**). The epitope region recognized by Ab1, Ab9, Ab28, and Ab29 corresponds to amino acid residues 139-146 of SEQ ID NO: 1 and has the amino acid sequence of: GDLWFPGE (SEQ ID NO: 237).

[0605] Antibodies Ab45 and Ab65 bound only to 25-mer peptides from Set2 and Set4. Both antibodies recognized a highly conserved region of TREM2 near its C-terminus between amino acid residues 140-153 of the human TREM2 (¹⁴⁰DLWFPGESESFEDA¹⁵³ (SEQ ID NO: 238)) and mouse TREM2 (¹⁴⁰DLWVPPESSSFEGA¹⁵³ (SEQ ID NO: 239)) (**FIG. 27B**). The epitope region recognized by Ab45 and Ab65 corresponds to amino acid residues 140-153 of SEQ ID NO: 1 and has the amino acid sequence of: DLWFPGESESFEDA (SEQ ID NO: 238).

[0606] The epitope region recognized by reference antibody MAB17291 was also determined. Reference antibody MAB17291 was found to recognize a first peptide that contains the region between amino acid residues 130-144 of human TREM2 (¹³⁰ADPLDHRDAGDLWFP¹⁴⁴ (SEQ ID NO: 240)), and a second peptide that contains the region between amino acid residues 158-170 of human TREM2 (¹⁵⁸SISRSLLERGEIPF¹⁷⁰ (SEQ ID NO: 241)). The epitope regions recognized by MAB17291 correspond to amino acid residues 130-144 and 158-170 of SEQ ID NO: 1 and have the amino acid sequences of: ADPLDHRDAGDLWFP (SEQ ID NO: 240) and SISRSLLERGEIPF (SEQ ID NO: 241).

[0607] Reference antibody MAB17291 was able to simultaneously bind TREM2 with antibody Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, or Ab65, but not with antibody Ab63 or Ab87 (**FIG.**

28). These results demonstrate that agonist TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 bind different regions of the TREM2 protein than does reference antibody MAB17291.

Example 46: Summary of TREM2 antibody functional studies.

[0608] Table 11 summarizes results of the functional studies described in Examples 41-45 above. Antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 demonstrated induction of CD83 and CD86 on human dendritic cells (hDC), with higher induction observed with plate-bound antibody compared to cross-linked soluble antibody (values in table represent percentage of CD83+CD86+ cells). Antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 induced variable levels of Syk phosphorylation in human dendritic cells (hDC), mouse dendritic cells (mDC), and mouse macrophages (mMac), and were able to mimic ligand binding (blocking bacterial binding) to human and mouse TREM2.

Table 11: TREM2 Antibody Functional Studies

Antibody	Induction of CD86 & CD83 Human hDC plate	Induction of CD86 & CD83 hDC solution	Induction Phospho Syk hDC	Induction Phospho Syk mDC	Induce Phospho TREM2 and DAP12 mMac	Blocking Bacterial binding hTREM2	Blocking Bacterial mTREM2
Ab1	87.2	3.0	-/+	++	++	+++	+++
Ab9	79.3	5.6	-/+	+++	++++	+++	+++
Ab14	78.7	1.9	+	++	N/D	+++	+++
Ab22	74.5	1.2	++	++	++	+++	+++
Ab45	65.5	4.3	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++
Ab65	74	1.7	++	+++	+++	+++	+++
Isotype control	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Example 47: Analysis of tumor growth in TREM2 deficient mice

[0609] Groups of 10 TREM2 wild-type (WT), TREM2 heterozygous (HET), and TREM2 knock-out (KO) mice (sex and age-matched littermates, 8 weeks old (+/- 2 weeks)) are challenged subcutaneously with tumor cells (for example 1×10^5 - 1×10^6 MC38 colon carcinoma, Lewis Lung carcinoma, or B16 melanoma cells) suspended in 100ul PBS. Animals are anesthetized with isoflurane prior to implant. Tumor growth is monitored with a caliper biweekly to measure tumor growth starting at day 4. The endpoint of the experiment is a tumor volume of 2000 mm³ or 60 days. Tumor growth and % survival are the outcome measures. Reduced tumor take and growth rate and a reduced number of tumor infiltrating immune suppressor macrophages indicate increased effector T cell influx into the tumor in TREM2 KO mice.

[0610] To determine the number of infiltrating tumor associated immune suppressor macrophages and T cells, groups of 6-8 sex and age-matched littermates are used. 8 week old (+/- 2 weeks) WT-HET-KO littermates are challenged subcutaneously with tumor cells (e.g. 1×10^5 - 1×10^6 MC38, Lewis Lung, or B16 cells) suspended in 200ul Matrigel (Matrigel Matrix Growth Factor Reduced; BD). Animals are anesthetized with isoflurane prior to implant. 7 and 10 days after tumor injection, the matrigel plug is resected, incubated for 1 hour at 37°C with 1 mg/ml Collagenase D (Sigma), dissociated to obtain a single-cell suspension, and filtered through a cell strainer. To determine the amount of T cells recruited in the tumor and the ratio between effector T cells and regulatory T cells, 5×10^6 cells are stained with anti-CD45.2 PercpCy5.5, anti-CD3-FITC, anti-CD8-PECY7, anti-CD4-APC, anti-FoxP3-PE (BD), and DAPI. To determine the amount of monocyte/macrophage lineage cells recruited into the tumor, 5×10^6 cells are stained with anti-CD45.2 PercpCy5.5, anti-CD11b-PECY7, anti-F4/80-FITC, anti-Ly6C/G-APC, anti-CD86-PE, and DAPI. Cells are acquired on a BD FACS Canto. Data analysis is performed with FlowJo (TreeStar) software version 10.0.7.

Example 48: Analysis of the anti-cancer effect of TREM2 antagonistic antibodies

[0611] Groups of 10 C57Bl6/NTac mice at 8 weeks (+/- 2 weeks) of age are challenged subcutaneously with tumor cells (e.g. 1×10^5 to 1×10^6 MC38, Lewis Lung, or B16 cells) suspended in 100ul PBS. Animals are anesthetized with isoflurane prior to implant. Starting at day 2, groups of mice are injected i.p. every 3 days for 4 doses with 200ug of each of anatagonisite anti-TREM2 antibodies, such as those described in Examples 38 and 40. Tumor growth is monitored with a caliper biweekly to measure tumor growth starting at day 4. The endpoint of the experiment is a tumor volume of 2000 mm³ or 60 days. Tumor growth and % survival are the outcome measures. Reduced tumor take and growth rate, reduced number of tumor infiltrating immune suppressor macrophages, and increased effector T cell influx into the tumor indicate the anti-cancer effects of blocking anti-TREM2 antibodies.

Example 49: Analysis of additive anti-tumor effect of combination therapy that combines TREM2 antibodies with antibodies against inhibitory checkpoint proteins or inhibitory cytokines/chemokines and their receptors

[0612] Groups of 15 C57Bl6/NTac mice at 8 weeks (+/- 2 weeks) of age are challenged subcutaneously with tumor cells as described in Example 35. Animals are anesthetized with isoflurane prior to implant. Starting at day 2, mice are injected i.p. every 3 days for 4 doses

with 200ug anti-TREM2 antibodies alone or in combination with antibodies against checkpoint proteins (e.g. anti-PDL1 mAb clone 10F.9G2 and/or anti-CTLA4 mAb clone UC10-4F10-11) at day 3, 6, and 9. Treatment groups include anti-TREM2; anti-CTLA4; anti-PDL1; anti-TREM2+anti-CTLA4; anti-TREM2+anti-PDL1; and isotype control. Tumor growth is monitored with a caliper biweekly to measure tumor growth starting at day 4. The endpoint of the experiment is a tumor volume of 2000 mm³ or 60 days. Tumor growth and % survival are the outcome measures. A decrease in tumor growth and an increase in % survival with combination therapy indicate that anti-TREM2 antibodies have additive or synergistic therapeutic effects with anti-checkpoint antibodies. Antagonistic antibodies against checkpoint molecules include antibodies against PDL1, PDL2, PD1, CTLA4, B7-H3, B7-H4, HVEM, BTLA, KIR, GAL9, TIM3, A2AR, LAG-3, and Phosphatidyl Serine. Antagonist antibodies against inhibitory cytokines include antibodies against CCL2, CSF-1, and IL-2.

Example 50: Analysis of additive anti-tumor effect of combination therapy that combines TREM2 antibodies with antibodies that activate stimulatory checkpoint proteins

[0613] Groups of 15 C57Bl6/NTac mice at 8 weeks (+/- 2 weeks) of age are challenged subcutaneously with tumor cells as described in Example 35. Animals are anesthetized with isoflurane prior to implant. Starting at day 2, mice are injected i.p. every 3 days for 4 doses with 200ug anti-TREM2 antibodies alone or in combination with agonistic antibodies that activate stimulatory checkpoint proteins (e.g. OX40 or ICOS mAb) at day 3, 6, and 9. Tumor growth is monitored with a caliper biweekly to measure tumor growth starting at day 4. The endpoint of the experiment is a tumor volume of 2000 mm³ or 60 days. Tumor growth and % survival are the outcome measures. A decrease in tumor growth and an increase in % survival with combination therapy indicate that anti-TREM2 antibodies have additive or synergistic therapeutic effects with stimulatory checkpoint antibodies. Stimulatory checkpoint antibodies include agonistic/stimulatory antibodies against CD28, ICOS, CD137, CD27, CD40, and GITR.

Example 51: Analysis of additive anti-tumor effect of combination therapy that combines TREM2 antibodies with stimulatory cytokines

[0614] Groups of 15 C57Bl6/NTac mice at 8 weeks (+/- 2 weeks) of age are challenged subcutaneously with tumor cells as described in Example 35. Animals are anesthetized with isoflurane prior to implant. Starting at day 2, mice are injected i.p. every 3 days for 4 doses

with 200ug anti-TREM2 antibodies alone or in combination with stimulatory cytokines (e.g. IL-12, IFN- α). Tumor growth is monitored with a caliper biweekly to measure tumor growth starting at day 4. The endpoint of the experiment is a tumor volume of 2000 mm³ or 60 days. Tumor growth and % survival are the outcome measures. A decrease in tumor growth and an increase in % survival with combination therapy indicate that anti-TREM2 antibodies have additive or synergistic therapeutic effects with immune-stimulatory cytokines. Stimulatory cytokines include IFN- α /b, IL-2, IL-12, IL-18, GM-CSF, and G-CSF.

Example 52: Analysis of ability of TREM2 antibody Fabs to stimulate viability of innate immune cells

[0615] The agonistic functionality of plate bound, cross-linked anti-TREM2 antibody Fab fragments derived from antibodies Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 was evaluated in innate immune cells (e.g., macrophages).

[0616] Wild-type (WT) and TREM2 knock-out (KO) mouse bone marrow derived macrophages were cultured in the presence of M-CSF and plate bound TREM2 antibody Fabs, and cell viability was measured.

[0617] Macrophages isolated from the bone marrow of WT and KO mice were plated on non-tissue-culture-treated 96-well plates, pre-coated with either 12.5nM or 100nM of cross-linked Ab22, Ab45, or Ab65 Fabs. Cells were cultured for 48 hours in the presence of 10ng/ml M-CSF. Analysis of viability was performed using Cell Titer Glo kit (Promega). Plates were read with a BioTek Synergy Microplate Reader using GEN5 2.04 software.

[0618] Cross-linked TREM2 Fab fragments derived from antibodies Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 increased the number of viable mouse bone marrow-derived macrophages compared to isotype control Fab Ab88, as indicated by a higher % increased survival (**FIG. 29**). This enhancement in cell viability was not observed in KO mouse macrophages, with the exception of Ab65. These data indicate that the biological activity of Ab22 and Ab45 is TREM2 specific, and that plate bound, cross-linked Ab22 and Ab45 Fab fragments function as agonists to increase the survival of macrophages cultured in M-CSF.

Example 53: Analysis of ability of TREM2 antibodies to decrease survival of innate immune cells

[0619] The antagonistic functionality of both soluble, non-cross-linked anti-TREM2 antibody Fab fragments derived from antibodies and soluble, full-length anti-TREM2 antibodies was evaluated in innate immune cells (e.g., macrophages).

[0620] Wild-type (WT) and TREM2 knock-out (KO) mouse bone marrow derived macrophages were cultured in the presence of M-CSF and soluble TREM2 antibody Fabs or soluble full-length antibodies, and cell viability was measured.

[0621] Macrophages isolated from the bone marrow of WT and KO mice were plated on non-tissue-culture-treated 96-well plates in the presence of 20ng/ml M-CSF and increasing amounts of the indicated soluble, non-cross-linked TREM2 antibody Fabs derived from antibodies Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65, or soluble, full-length antibodies Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65. Each condition was plated in triplicate. Analysis of viability was performed using Cell Titer Glo kit (Promega) 3 days later. Plates were read with a BioTek Synergy Microplate Reader using GEN5 2.04 software.

[0622] In **FIG. 30A and 30B**, the “NT” dotted line indicates the average cell viability obtained with untreated macrophages (no antibody added). The “no MCSF” dotted line indicates the average cell viability obtained when macrophages were cultured in the absence of M-CSF.

[0623] When macrophage cell viability was evaluated with soluble, non-cross-linked TREM2 antibody Fabs, the results indicated that soluble, non-cross-linked TREM2 Fab fragments derived from antibody Ab45 decreased cell viability (**FIG. 30A**). In contrast, soluble, non-cross-linked TREM2 Fab fragments derived from antibody Ab22 did not inhibit viability and had an effect comparable to the isotype control Ab99 (**FIG. 30A**). Soluble, non-cross-linked TREM2 Fab fragments derived from antibody Ab65 partially inhibited cell viability (**FIG. 30A**). The results demonstrate that the soluble, non-cross-linked Fab derived from TREM2 antibodies Ab45 and Ab65 can function as antagonists and inhibit the survival of macrophages *in vitro*.

[0624] When macrophage cell viability was evaluated with soluble, full-length antibodies, antibodies Ab14, Ab45, Ab65, and Ab9 decreased cell viability (**FIG. 30B**). Soluble, full-

length antibody Ab22 had an effect on cell viability that was nearly comparable to that of isotype control Ab91 (**FIG. 30B**). The results demonstrate that soluble, full-length TREM2 antibodies Ab14, Ab45, Ab65, and Ab9 can function as antagonists, when not cross-linked or clustered, and inhibit the survival of macrophages.

[0625] The results of these experiments indicate that TREM2 antibodies Ab45, Ab65, and Ab9, in the absence of clustering, can inhibit the survival of innate immune cells such as macrophages. In contrast, TREM2 antibody Ab22, even in the absence of clustering, does not inhibit the survival of innate immune cells such as macrophages.

Example 54: Analysis of the ability of TREM2 antibodies to induce TREM2-dependent genes

[0626] The ability of plate bound full-length anti-TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab10, Ab14, Ab15, Ab17, Ab18, Ab20, Ab22, Ab24, Ab25, Ab28, Ab29, Ab45, Ab54, Ab51, Ab64, Ab65, and Ab66 to activate TREM2-dependent genes was evaluated using a luciferase reporter gene under the control of an NFAT (nuclear factor of activated T-cells) promoter.

[0627] A cell line derived from mouse thymus lymphoma T lymphocytes BW5147.G.1.4 (ATCC® TIB48™) was infected with mouse Trem2 and Dap12, and with Cignal Lenti NFAT-Luciferase virus (Qiagen). Full-length anti-TREM2 antibodies were plate bound at 10ug/ml in DPBS on tissue-culture treated clear bottom white 96well plates (100ul/well), overnight at 4°C. Wells were rinsed thrice with DPBS and subsequently were plated at 100,000 cells/well in media with 1% serum. As a positive control for signaling, PMA (0.05ug/ml) and ionomycin (0.25uM) were added together. Cells were incubated for 6 hours and luciferase activity was measured by adding OneGlo Reagent (Promega) to each well and incubating 3min at RT on a plate shaker. Luciferase signal was measured using a BioTek plate reader.

[0628] As shown in **FIG. 31A** and **FIG. 31B**, anti-TREM2 antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab10, Ab14, Ab15, Ab17, Ab20, Ab22, Ab45, Ab54, Ab64, Ab65, and Ab66 increased luciferase activity, indicating that the antibodies were able to induce TREM2-dependent gene transcription. As shown in **FIG. 31C**, plate bound phosphatidylserine (PS) induces TREM2-dependent gene expression. It is believed that PS is a natural ligand of TREM2. Thus, the results in **FIGS. 31A-C** indicate that agonist anti-TREM2 antibodies can mimic a natural ligand of TREM2.

Example 55: Analysis of the ability of TREM2 antibodies to inhibit TREM2-dependent genes

[0629] The ability of soluble, full-length anti-TREM2 antibodies Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 to inhibit TREM2-dependent genes was evaluated using a luciferase reporter gene under the control of an NFAT (nuclear factor of activated T-cells) promoter.

[0630] A cell line derived from mouse thymus lymphoma T lymphocytes BW5147.G.1.4 (ATCC® TIB48™) was infected with mouse Trem2 and Dap12, and with Cignal Lenti NFAT-Luciferase virus (Qiagen). Soluble, full-length anti-TREM2 antibodies were added at increasing concentration to the cells. Cells were incubated for 6 hours at 37°C and luciferase activity was measured using OneGlo Reagent (Promega).

[0631] The cells display tonic TREM2-dependent signaling due to either the presence of an endogenous ligand or to spontaneous receptor aggregation, which leads to TREM2 signaling.

[0632] The dotted line in **FIG. 32** indicates the levels of TREM2 activity without stimulation.

[0633] As shown in **FIG. 32**, soluble, full-length anti-TREM2 antibodies Ab9, Ab14, Ab45, and Ab65 were able to inhibit tonic, TREM2-dependent gene expression. In contrast, soluble, full-length anti-TREM2 antibody Ab22 did not appear to block tonic TREM2 signaling (**FIG. 32**).

Example 56: Summary of TREM2 antibody agonistic and antagonistic activity

[0634] Table 12 summarizes results of the functional studies described in Examples 52-55 above. Antibodies Ab1, Ab9, Ab14, Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 demonstrated agonistic activity in activating TREM2-dependent gene expression using either a luciferase reporter gene (**FIG. 31A**) or a beta-GAL reporter gene (Table 12). As indicated in Table 12, Ab1 and Ab65 showed an increased level of gene induction, compared to Ab9, Ab22, and Ab45 when the beta-GAL reporter gene was used (Table 12). Antibodies Ab22, Ab45, and Ab65 also demonstrated agonistic activity in stimulating cell survival of innate immune cells (**FIG. 29**). Table 12 further summarizes results demonstrating the antagonistic effects of soluble, non-cross-linked antibodies Ab9, Ab14, Ab45, and Ab65 in inhibiting cell survival of innate immune cells (**FIG. 30**). In contrast, soluble, non-cross-linked antibody Ab22 had minimal antagonistic activity in inhibiting cell survival (**FIG. 30**).

Table 12: TREM2 Antibody Functional Studies

Antibody	Luciferase Agonistic antibody activity	betaGAL Agonistic antibody activity	Survival Agonistic antibody activity	Luciferase Antagonistic antibody activity in solution/antagonistic format
Ab1	++++	+++	ND	ND
Ab9	++++	+	ND	++++
Ab14	++++	ND	ND	+++
Ab22	++++	+	+++	-
Ab45	++	+	++	++++
Ab65	+++	+++	+	+++
Isotype control	-	-	-	-

Example 57: Summary of binding and functional studies for further TREM2 antibodies

[0635] Table 13 summarizes the results of binding and functional studies for further full-length TREM2 antibodies generated as described in Example 40. The results below were obtained using the methods described in Examples 40 and 42.

Table 13: Binding and functional studies for other TREM2 Antibodies

Antibody	IgG K _D hTREM2-Fc (M) Avid	IgG K _D hTREM2-HIS (M) t	IgG K _D mTREM2-Fc (M) Avid	mTrem2 Cell binding MFI	hTrem2 Cell binding MFI	Phospho Syk hDC	Phospho Syk mDC
Ab2	5.92E-10	2.41E-08	N.B.	1432	1407	ND	ND
Ab3	4.90E-10	1.42E-08	N.B.	488	1693	ND	ND
Ab4	9.71E-10	P.F.	N.B.	295	1343	ND	ND
Ab5	6.97E-10	3.00E-08	N.B.	310	1336	-	ND
Ab6	4.44E-09	P.F.	8.51E-09	228	816	ND	ND
Ab7	1.05E-09	3.34E-08	1.11E-09	10934	1249	ND	ND
Ab8	7.23E-10	1.50E-08	N.B.	523	1623	ND	ND
Ab10	5.44E-10	4.79E-09	P.F.	11486	1788	++	++
Ab11	9.34E-10	7.20E-09	1.19E-09	5495	1909	ND	ND
Ab12	1.19E-09	2.68E-09	7.91E-09	1552	1930	-	ND
Ab13	1.49E-09	6.67E-08	1.71E-09	3246	971	ND	ND
Ab15	6.05E-10	3.03E-09	2.80E-09	4755	1611	ND	+
Ab16	1.09E-09	2.47E-09	1.36E-09	6382	1545	ND	-
Ab17	7.92E-10	3.46E-09	1.67E-09	10312	1604	ND	+
Ab18	5.13E-10	6.77E-09	N.B.	5164	1924	++	+
Ab19	4.65E-10	4.49E-09	N.B.	2304	1993	++	ND
Ab20	6.58E-10	3.62E-09	N.B.	11245	1556	ND	+
Ab23	9.67E-10	P.F.	6.83E-09	919	2653	ND	ND
Ab24	4.79E-10	P.F.	9.32E-09	2760	1882	ND	+
Ab25	6.84E-10	4.51E-09	5.98E-09	2497	1884	ND	-
Ab26	4.81E-10	3.60E-09	N.B.	2551	1421	ND	ND
Ab27	1.33E-09	P.F.	6.39E-09	2163	1316	ND	ND
Ab28	9.15E-10	P.F.	7.45E-09	5248	1487	ND	-
Ab29	2.36E-09	P.F.	3.27E-09	4518	1193	ND	-
Ab30	1.32E-09	P.F.	N.B.	399	1421	ND	ND

Antibody	IgG K _D hTREM2-Fc (M) Avid	IgG K _D hTREM2- HIS (M) t	IgG K _D mTREM2- Fc (M) Avid	mTrem2 Cell binding MFI	hTrem2 Cell binding MFI	Phospho Syk hDC	Phospho Syk mDC
Ab31	4.51E-10	6.82E-09	N.B.	551	1760	ND	ND
Ab32	9.95E-10	2.48E-08	1.35E-08	756	1202	ND	ND
Ab33	1.42E-09	1.60E-08	N.B.	413	1352	ND	ND
Ab34	7.06E-10	2.70E-08	N.B.	395	1770	ND	ND
Ab35	2.21E-10	7.82E-09	6.44E-09	931	1391	ND	ND
Ab36	4.65E-10	4.01E-09	N.B.	1258	1896	ND	ND
Ab37	1.58E-09	P.F.	N.B.	1433	1434	ND	ND
Ab38	9.60E-10	1.31E-08	N.B.	297	1832	ND	ND
Ab39	2.13E-09	P.F.	6.41E-09	588	9029	ND	ND
Ab40	1.97E-10	7.97E-09	6.03E-09	577	1452	ND	ND
Ab41	2.14E-09	P.F.	8.64E-09	373	1017	ND	ND
Ab42	4.03E-09	P.F.	N.B.	387	1234	ND	ND
Ab43	4.37E-09	P.F.	N.B.	418	918	ND	ND
Ab44	5.62E-10	9.46E-09	N.B.	1206	1249	ND	ND
Ab46	4.45E-10	1.68E-08	2.46E-09	4257	1528	ND	ND
Ab47	4.31E-10	7.37E-09	1.45E-09	10123	1833	ND	ND
Ab48	3.50E-10	9.08E-09	1.41E-09	9770	1412	ND	ND
Ab49	4.35E-10	1.74E-08	2.08E-09	4315	1392	ND	ND
Ab50	7.29E-10	3.64E-08	N.B.	325	1435	ND	ND
Ab51	2.84E-10	1.64E-09	N.B.	12077	1928	++	+
Ab52	1.51E-09	5.75E-09	8.96E-11	15613	1411	+++	+++
Ab53	6.35E-10	2.16E-08	N.B.	843	1338	ND	ND
Ab54	5.00E-10	3.02E-09	N.B.	11001	1931	ND	++
Ab55	2.22E-09	9.17E-08	1.17E-09	6221	911	ND	ND
Ab56	1.03E-09	5.18E-08	2.71E-09	743	1157	ND	ND
Ab57	4.36E-10	1.83E-08	5.98E-10	10226	1227	ND	ND
Ab58	5.75E-10	2.73E-09	N.B.	1870	1698	ND	ND
Ab59	8.54E-10	5.72E-09	N.B.	3901	1754	ND	ND
Ab60	5.59E-09	P.F.	P.F.	1871	741	ND	ND
Ab61	4.61E-09	P.F.	N.B.	10517	1101	ND	ND
Ab62	7.72E-10	1.42E-08	P.F.	4746	1647	ND	ND
Ab63	1.13E-09	4.96E-08	N.B.	1722	1347	ND	ND
Ab64	9.45E-10	6.57E-08	P.F.	8676	1458	+++	+
Ab66	1.98E-09	6.07E-08	3.88E-09	4098	1161	ND	+
Ab67	6.60E-10	3.45E-08	2.92E-09	6207	1118	ND	ND
Ab68	6.68E-09	1.09E-07	3.26E-09	2103	1135	ND	ND
Ab69	3.75E-09	5.97E-08	3.40E-09	629	957	ND	ND
Ab70	6.26E-09	P.F.	3.45E-09	3265	833	ND	ND
Ab71	2.77E-09	6.47E-08	N.B.	804	1556	ND	ND
Ab72	8.39E-10	2.94E-08	P.F.	3746	1500	ND	ND
Ab73	4.10E-09	P.F.	N.B.	1117	1307	ND	ND
Ab74	9.43E-09	P.F.	4.91E-09	1360	645	ND	ND
Ab75	5.88E-09	P.F.	N.B.	276	676	ND	ND
Ab76	4.84E-09	P.F.	N.B.	1604	580	ND	ND
Ab77	P.F.	P.F.	N.B.	1650	951	ND	ND
Ab78	8.51E-10	3.73E-08	N.B.	433	1435	ND	ND
Ab79	1.07E-08	P.F.	N.B.	738	900	ND	ND
Ab80	5.72E-09	P.F.	8.85E-09	593	897	ND	ND
Ab81	1.01E-08	P.F.	N.B.	400	994	ND	ND
Ab82	1.10E-08	N.B.	5.82E-09	712	371	ND	ND
Ab83	8.21E-09	N.B.	N.B.	1576	684	ND	ND
Ab84	1.16E-09	6.04E-08	N.B.	799	1148	ND	ND

Antibody	IgG K _D hTREM2-Fc (M) Avid	IgG K _D hTREM2- HIS (M) t	IgG K _D mTREM2- Fc (M) Avid	mTrem2 Cell binding MFI	hTrem2 Cell binding MFI	Phospho Syk hDC	Phospho Syk mDC
Ab85	5.72E-09	P.F.	2.19E-09	1121	460	ND	ND
Ab86	3.89E-09	P.F.	6.55E-09	355	840	ND	ND
Ab87	9.51E-09	N.B.	4.48E-09	1228	414	ND	ND
88 control	No Binding	ND	ND	90.7	187	–	–
89 control	No Binding	ND	ND	142	185	–	–

Antibody	Luciferase Agonistic antibody activity
Ab10	++++
Ab15	++++
Ab17	++++
Ab18	–
Ab20	+++
Ab24	–
Ab25	–
Ab28	–
Ab51	+++
Ab29	–
Ab54	+++
Ab64	+++
Ab66	+++
Ab89	–
Ab90	–
Isotype Control	–
PMA/Ion	+++

Example 58: Analysis of anti-stroke effect of agonistic TREM2 antibodies

[0636] Transient occlusion of the middle cerebral artery (MCAO) – a model that closely resembles human stroke is used to induce cerebral infarction in mice. Monofilament (70SPRe, Doccol Corp, USA) is introduced into the internal carotid artery through an incision of the right common carotid artery. The middle cerebral artery is occluded for 30 minutes with a range of reperfusion times (6 h, 12 h, 24 h, 2 d, 7 d and 28 d). The effect of surgery is controlled using sham animals at 12 h and at 7 d. Sham animals undergo the same surgical procedure without occlusion of the middle cerebral artery. MCAO animals treated with agonistic anti-TREM2 antibodies or control antibodies are tested for infarct volumetry, acute inflammatory response (12 h reperfusion), transcription of pro-inflammatory cytokines TNF α , IL-1 α , and IL-1 β , microglial activity (CD68, Iba1), transcription of chemokines CCL2 (MCP1), CCL3 (MIP1 α and the chemokine receptor CX3CR1 and invasion of CD3-positive T-cells (Sieber et al. (2013) PLoS ONE 8(1): e52982. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0052982.).

Example 59: Analysis of the protective effect of antagonist TREM2 antibodies in respiratory tract infections

[0637] To evaluate the ability of antagonist TREM2 antibodies to delay, prevent, or treat bacterial respiratory tract infections, a preclinical mouse model involving challenge of C57Bl6 mice with *Streptococcus pneumoniae* is used. This model involves intranasal (i.n.) administration of 10⁵ CFU *S. pneumoniae* serotype 3 (ATCC 6303) as described (see, e.g., Sharif O et al, 2014 *PLoS Pathog.* 2014 Jun; 10(6): e1004167; and Schabbauer G et al, 2010 *J Immunol* 185: 468–476). In this model ~90% WT C57Bl6 mice succumb to infection within 6 days post infection.

[0638] Ten to fifteen mice/group are challenged with *S. pneumoniae* and concomitantly are treated with antagonist anti-TREM2 antibodies every other day starting from day 0. The first dose of anti-TREM2 antibodies is administered 3 hours prior to challenge with *S. pneumoniae*. Mice are monitored daily for 15 days to check for death events. % of mice surviving *bacteria* challenge is determined.

[0639] In separate experiments, count of bacterial load and cytokine expression in the blood and in the lungs is also determined. 24 or 48 hours after infection blood is collected in EDTA-containing tubes and plated on agar plates to enumerate bacterial CFU in the plasma. Plasma is stored at -20°C for cytokine analysis by ELISA. Lungs are harvested, homogenized and plated on agar plates to enumerate bacterial CFU, or incubated for 30 min in lysis buffer and supernatants analyzed for cytokine measurements.

[0640] In separate experiments, lungs are collected 40 hours post bacterial infection, fixed in 10% formalin, and embedded in paraffin for H&E pathology analysis.

Example 60: Analysis of the protective effect of antagonist TREM2 antibodies in sepsis

[0641] To evaluate the ability of antagonist TREM2 antibodies to delay, prevent, or treat sepsis, a preclinical mouse model involving systemic challenge of C57Bl6 mice with LPS is used. This model involves intraperitoneal (i.p.) administration of 37 mg/ml LPS as described (see, e.g., Gawish R et al, 2014 *FASEB J*). In this model >95% WT C57Bl6 mice succumb infection within 40 hours post LPS injection.

[0642] Cohorts of mice are challenged with LPS and concomitantly are treated with antagonist anti-TREM2 antibodies every day starting from day 0. The first dose of anti-

TREM2 antibodies is administered 3 hours prior to challenge with LPS. Mice are monitored every ~4 hours during daytime, to check for death events. Percentage of mice surviving LPS challenge is determined.

[0643] In separate experiments, peritoneal lavage fluid (PLF) is collected. Supernatants are stored at -20°C for cytokine analysis by ELISA; pelleted cells are counted to quantify inflammatory cells recruited in the peritoneal cavity. Similar studies can be conducted to test the efficacy of TREM2 antibodies in other models of infection (*see, e.g.,* Sun et al., (2013) *Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci.* 17;54(5):3451-62).

Example 61: Analysis of the protective effect of antagonist TREM2 antibodies in acute and chronic colitis

[0644] To evaluate the ability of antagonist anti-TREM2 antibodies to delay, prevent, or treat colitis, preclinical mouse models of acute or chronic colitis are used. For DSS-induced colitis, mice receive 3% DSS in drinking water *ad libitum* for 8 days. For TNBS-induced colitis, mice are anesthetized and treated with an intra-rectal injection of 3 mg TNBS in 20% ethanol (vol/vol) or vehicle alone as a control. For the chronic colitis model, all mice are treated with 3 cycles of 2% DSS for 5 days, followed by a 10-day recovery period. For all models, weight loss, stool consistency, and presence of fecal occult blood are monitored daily and used to calculate the disease activity index, as described (*see, e.g.,* Correale C, 2013, *Gastroenterology*, February 2013, pp. 346-356.e3).

[0645] Cohorts of mice are treated with antagonist anti-TREM2 antibodies every day starting from day 0 and subjected to DSS or TNBS administration. Mice are monitored every day, to check for weight loss, stool consistency, and presence of fecal occult blood were monitored daily and used to calculate the disease activity index, as described (*see, e.g.,* S. Vetrano, *Gastroenterology*, 135 (2008), pp. 173–184).

[0646] In separate experiments, endoscopic and histological images of mucosal damage are collected to evaluate inflammatory cell infiltration and mucosal damage. Similar studies can be conducted to test the benefit of TREM2 antibodies in other models of autoimmunity including Crohn's disease, inflammatory bowel disease, and ulcerative colitis (*see, e.g.,* Low et al., (2013) *Drug Des Devel Ther.*; 7: 1341-1357; and Sollid et al., (2008) *PLoS Med* 5(9): e198).

Example 62: Analysis of the protective effect of agonist TREM2 antibodies in wound healing

[0647] To evaluate the ability of agonistic anti-TREM2 antibodies to increase colonic wound repair following injury, a mouse model of biopsy injury in the colon is used. In this model, the endoscope with outer operating sheath is inserted to the mid-descending colon and the mucosa is surveyed to the ano-rectal junction. Then, a single full thickness area of the entire mucosa and submucosa is removed with flexible biopsy forceps with a diameter of 3 French, avoiding penetration of the muscularis propria. Each mouse is biopsy injured at 3–5 sites along the dorsal side of the colon (*see, e.g.*, Seno H, 2008, *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*. 2009 Jan 6; 106(1): 256-261).

[0648] Cohorts of mice are treated with agonist anti-TREM2 antibodies 2 or 3 days after biopsy injury. Mice are monitored every day for 15 days, to check for weight loss and wound healing by measuring the surface area of lesions.

Example 63: Analysis of the protective effect of antagonist TREM2 antibodies in retinal degeneration

[0649] Antagonist TREM2 antibodies decrease the accumulation and/or function of inflammatory macrophages, and as a result delay, prevent and/or treat age-related macular degeneration (AMD).

[0650] AMD is a degenerative disease of the outer retina. It is thought that inflammation, particularly inflammatory cytokines and macrophages, contribute to AMD disease progression.

[0651] The presence of macrophages in the proximity of AMD lesions is documented, in the drusen, Bruch's membrane, choroid and retina. Macrophages release tissue factor (TF) and vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), which triggers the expansion of new blood vessels formation in patients showing choroidal neovascularization.

[0652] The type of macrophage present in the macular choroid changes with age, displaying elevated levels of M2 macrophages in older eyes compared to younger eyes. However, advanced AMD maculae had higher M1 to M2 ratios compared to normal autopsied eyes of similar age. (*see, e.g.*, Cao X et al, (2011), *Pathol Int* 61(9): pp528-35). This suggests a link between classical M1 macrophage activation in the eye in the late onset of AMD progression.

[0653] Retinal microglia cells are tissue-resident macrophages that are also normally present in the inner retina. In the event of damage, microglia can be activated and act as mediator of inflammation. Activated microglia has been detected in the AMD tissue samples and has been proposed as one potential contributor of inflammatory processes that lead to AMD pathogenesis (Gupta et al., (2003) *Exp Eye Res.*, 76(4):463-71.). The ability of antagonist TREM2 antibodies to prevent, delay, or reverse AMD is tested in one or more of AMD models (*see, e.g.,* Pennesi et al., (2012) *Mol Aspects Med.*; 33(4): 487–509).

[0654] Overall inflammatory macrophages (either M1 and/or activated microglia) are documented to correlate with AMD disease progression and therefore represent a therapeutic target for antagonist TREM2 antibodies. Similar therapeutic benefit can be achieved in glaucoma and genetic forms or retinal degeneration such as retinitis pigmentosa.

[0655] The ability of antagonist TREM2 antibodies to prevent, delay, or reverse retinal ganglion cell degeneration in glaucoma is tested in a glaucoma model (*see, e.g.,* El-Danaf et al., (2015) *J Neurosci.* 11;35(6):2329-43). Likewise, the therapeutic benefit of TREM2 in genetically induced retinal degeneration and retinitis pigmentosa is tested as described in Chang et al., (2002) *Vision Res.*; 42(4):517-25, and in “Retinal Degeneration Rat Model Resource Availability of P23H and S334ter Mutant Rhodopsin Transgenic Rats and RCS Inbred and RCS Congenic Strains of Rats,” MM LaVail, June 30, 2011.

Example 64: Analysis of the protective effect of antagonist TREM2 antibodies in adipogenesis and diet-induced obesity

[0656] To test the effect of antagonist TREM2 antibodies in adipogenesis and obesity, a mouse model of high-fat diet (HFD) is used (*see, e.g.,* Park et al., (2015) *Diabetes.* 64(1):117-27).

Example 65: Analysis of the protective effect of TREM2 antibodies in Malaria

[0657] TREM2 expression in the nonparenchymal liver cells closely correlates with resistance to liver stage infection with the malaria agent *Plasmodium berghei* (Gonçalves et al., (2013) *Proc Natl Acad Sci* 26;110(48):19531-6). Without wishing to be bound to theory, it is believed that TREM2 antibodies increase resistance to liver stage infection with *P. berghei*.

[0658] The ability of TREM2 antibodies to increase resistance to malaria infection is tested as described in Gonçalves et al., (2013) *Proc Natl Acad Sci* 26;110(48):19531-6. Briefly, GFP-expressing *P. berghei* ANKA sporozoites are obtained by dissection of infected salivary glands from *Anopheles stephensi* mosquitoes. Sporozoite suspensions in RPMI medium are injected i.v. in 100 μ L of inocula containing 10^4 sporozoites per mouse. Livers are collected at 40 h after injection or survival, and parasitemia is followed for 28 days. For experimental cerebral malaria scoring, neurologic symptoms are monitored from day 5 after injection.

Example 66: Analysis of the protective effect of antagonist TREM2 antibodies in osteoporosis

[0659] Bone is a dynamic organ constantly remodeled to support calcium homeostasis and structural needs. The osteoclast is the cell responsible for removing both the organic and inorganic components of bone. The osteoclast is derived from hematopoietic progenitors in the macrophage lineage and differentiates in response to the tumor necrosis factor family cytokine receptor activators of NF κ B ligand. Osteoclasts, the only bone-resorbing cells, are central to the pathogenesis of osteoporosis and osteopetrosis (Novack et al., (2008) *Annual Rev Pathol.*, 3:457-84).

[0660] Osteoporosis is a progressive bone disease that is characterized by a decrease in bone mass and density which can lead to an increased risk of fracture. It is mostly manifested in the first years following menopause, when bone turnover is accelerated, with increased activity of both osteoclasts and osteoblasts. Owing to an imbalance in the processes of resorption and synthesis, however, the net effect is bone loss, which is largely trabecular. Thus, the most prevalent sites of fracture in osteoporosis are the wrist, femoral neck, and vertebral bodies, in which the trabecular structure is key to overall bone strength. Accelerated osteoclast differentiation and increased bone resorption capacity, resulting in osteoporosis have been described in animal models lacking the expression of TREM2 (Otero et al (2012) *J. Immunol.* 188, 2612–2621).

[0661] Reduced osteoclast function results in osteopetrosis, with increased bone mass and elimination of bone marrow space, as observed in animal models lacking DAP12 ITAM signaling adapter and resulting in a significant defect in differentiation of osteoclast-like cells (Koga, et al., (2004) *Nature* 428: 758–763).

[0662] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that administering an antagonist anti-TREM2 antibody of the present disclosure can prevent, reduce the risk of, and/or treat osteoporosis. In some embodiments, administering an agonist anti-TREM2 antibody may induce one or more TREM2 activities in an individual having osteopetrosis (*e.g.*, DAP12 phosphorylation, Syk activation, and accelerated differentiation into osteoclasts) (Peng et al (2010). *Sci Signal*. 2010 18;3 122; and Humphrey et al., (2006) *J Bone Miner Res.*,21(2):237-45).

Example 67: Ability of Ab22 and Ab45 TREM2 antibodies to block induction of TREM2-dependent gene expression

[0663] Antibodies Ab22 and Ab45 were tested for their ability to block induction of TREM2-dependent gene expression by lipid ligands using a Luciferase reporter system.

[0664] Phosphatidylserine (PS, Avanti Lipids) and Sphingomyelin (SM, Avanti Lipids) were dissolved in methanol and plated onto Immulon 96 well plates. Methanol was evaporated overnight at RT and cells were added the next day. BWZ cells expressing mouse TREM2 and DAP12 in conjunction with an NFAT: luciferase reporter (Qiagen) were harvested and added at 100,000 cells/well in DMEM + 1%FBS. Cells were either plated alone or in combination with 50 or 5nM human IgG. After six hours, luciferase activity was measured using OneGlo reagent (Promega) and a Biotek plate reader, according to the manufacturer's instructions.

[0665] Ab45 blocked the induction of TREM2 dependent gene expression by both PS and SM, as indicated by a decrease in luminescence (**FIG. 33**).

Example 68: Analysis of the ability of TREM2 antibodies to induce TREM2-dependent cytokine genes

[0666] The ability of plate bound anti-TREM2 Fab antibodies Ab22 and Ab65 to activate TREM2-dependent genes was evaluated using primary mouse macrophages.

[0667] Bone marrow-derived macrophages (BMDM) were generated with M-CSF for 5 days. BMDM (10^5 /well) was seeded on 96 well plates that had been previously coated with the Fab portion of the antibodies Ab22 and Ab65 (50nM). Ultrapure LPS (100ng/ml *Escherichia coli* 0111:B4) was added after the plates were spun for 1 min at 1200 rpm. After

18 h of stimulation with LPS, cytokines present in cell supernatants were measured with cytometric bead array (CBA; BD Biosciences, CBA mouse inflammation kit).

[0668] As shown in **FIG. 34A and 34B**, plate bound anti-TREM2 Fab antibody Ab22 increased the levels of IL-6 and MCP-1, indicating that the antibodies were able to activate TREM2-dependent cytokine genes in primary immune cells.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An isolated human or humanized antibody that binds to a TREM2 protein and, when cross-linked or plate-bound, promotes survival of macrophages, as determined by an *in vitro* cell culture viability assay using macrophages isolated from mouse bone marrow.
2. The isolated antibody of claim 1, wherein the antibody competes for binding of TREM2 with one or more TREM2 ligands.
3. The isolated antibody of claim 2, wherein the one or more TREM2 ligands are selected from the group consisting of: one or more TREM2 ligands expressed on *E. coli* cells, phosphatidylserine, and sphingomyelin.
4. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the antibody:
 - i. increases expression of CD83 and CD86; and/or
 - ii. induces Syk phosphorylation; and/or
 - iii. increases expression of IL-6; and/or
 - iv. increases expression of MCP-1.
5. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the isolated antibody:
 - i. has a dissociation constant (K_D) for human TREM2-Fc fusion protein that ranges from 0.23 nM to 1.51 nM; and/or
 - ii. has a dissociation constant (K_D) for human monomeric TREM2 protein that ranges from 0.65 nM to 5.75 nM.
6. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the isolated antibody binds to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of:
 - i. amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 43-50 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
 - ii. amino acid residues 49-57 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 49-57 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and
 - iii. amino acid residues 140-153 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 140-153 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

7. The isolated antibody of claim 6, wherein the isolated antibody binds to one or more amino acids within amino acid residues 140-153 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or amino acid residues on a TREM2 protein corresponding to amino acid residues 140-153 of SEQ ID NO: 1.
8. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein when the antibody is not cross-linked or plate-bound, the antibody does not inhibit survival of macrophages.
9. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein when the antibody is not cross-linked or plate-bound, the antibody inhibits survival of macrophages.
10. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 6 and 8, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 404, an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 405, and an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 406, and the light chain variable domain comprises an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 407, an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 408, and an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 409.
11. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 6 and 8, wherein the isolated antibody binds to an epitope of human TREM2 that is the same as the TREM2 epitope bound by a reference anti-TREM2 antibody, wherein the reference anti-TREM2 antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein:
 - i. the heavy chain variable domain comprises an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 404, an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 405, and an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 406, and the light chain variable domain comprises an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 407, an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 408, and an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 409; or
 - ii. the heavy chain variable domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 410, and the light chain variable domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 411.
12. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of

SEQ ID NO: 11, an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 34, and an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 60, and the light chain variable domain comprises an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 123, an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 141, and an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 173.

13. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the isolated antibody binds to an epitope of human TREM2 that is the same as the TREM2 epitope bound by a reference anti-TREM2 antibody, wherein the reference anti-TREM2 antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein:

i. the heavy chain variable domain comprises an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 11, an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 34, and an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 60, and the light chain variable domain comprises an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 123, an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 141, and an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 173; or

ii. the heavy chain variable domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 262, and the light chain variable domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 279.

14. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 7 and 9, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein:

i. the heavy chain variable domain comprises an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 7, an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 29, and an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 87, and the light chain variable domain comprises an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 120, an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 138, and an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 196; or

ii. the heavy chain variable domain comprises an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 9, an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 34, and an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 101, and the light chain variable domain comprises an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID

NO: 124, an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 144, and an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 215.

15. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 7 and 9, wherein the isolated antibody binds to an epitope of human TREM2 that is the same as the TREM2 epitope bound by a reference anti-TREM2 antibody, wherein the reference anti-TREM2 antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein:

i. the heavy chain variable domain comprises an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 7, an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 29, and an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 87, and the light chain variable domain comprises an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 120, an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 138, and an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 196;

ii. the heavy chain variable domain comprises an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 9, an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 34, and an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 101, and the light chain variable domain comprises an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 124, an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 144, and an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 215;

iii. the heavy chain variable domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 322, and the light chain variable domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 323; or

iv. the heavy chain variable domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 355, and the light chain variable domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 356.

16. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 6 and 9, wherein the isolated antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein the heavy chain variable domain comprises an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 398, an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 399, and an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 400, and the light chain variable domain comprises an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:

401, an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 402, and an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 403.

17. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 6 and 9, wherein the isolated antibody binds to an epitope of human TREM2 that is the same as the TREM2 epitope bound by a reference anti-TREM2 antibody, wherein the reference anti-TREM2 antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain and a light chain variable domain, wherein:

i. the heavy chain variable domain comprises an HVR-H1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 398, an HVR-H2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 399, and an HVR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 400, and the light chain variable domain comprises an HVR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 401, an HVR-L2 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 402, and an HVR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 403; or

ii. the heavy chain variable domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 412, and the light chain variable domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 413.

18. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 17, wherein the antibody is of the IgG class, the IgM class, or the IgA class.

19. The isolated antibody of claim 18, wherein the antibody is of the IgG class and has an IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, or IgG4 isotype.

20. The isolated antibody of claim 19, wherein:

i. the isolated antibody has a human IgG2 isotype and comprises one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region at a residue position selected from the group consisting of V234A, G237A, H268Q, V309L, A330S, P331S, C232S, C233S, S267E, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to the EU numbering system;

ii. the isolated antibody has a human IgG2 isotype, wherein the human IgG2 comprises a constant region, and wherein the human IgG2 constant region comprises a light chain constant region comprising a C214S amino acid substitution, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to the EU numbering system;

iii. the isolated antibody has a human or mouse IgG1 isotype and comprises one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region at a residue position selected from the group consisting of N297A, D265A, L234A, L235A, G237A, C226S, C229S, E233P, L234V, L234F, L235E, P331S, S267E, L328F, A330L, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to the EU numbering system, optionally wherein the Fc region further comprises one or more additional amino acid substitutions at a position selected from the group consisting of A330L, L234F, L235E, P331S, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to the EU numbering system;

iv. the isolated antibody has an IgG1 isotype and comprises an IgG2 isotype heavy chain constant domain 1(CH1) and hinge region, optionally wherein the IgG2 isotype CH1 and hinge region comprise the amino acid sequence of ASTKGPSVFP LAPCSRSTSE STAALGCLVK DYFPEPVTVS WNSGALTSGVHTFPAVLQSS GLYSLSSVVT VPSSNFGTQT YTCNVDHKPS NTKVDKTVKCCVECPPCP (SEQ ID NO: 397), and optionally wherein the antibody Fc region comprises a S267E amino acid substitution, a L328F amino acid substitution, or both, and/or a N297A or N297Q amino acid substitution, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to the EU numbering system;

v. the isolated antibody has a human or mouse IgG4 isotype and comprises one or more amino acid substitutions in the Fc region at a residue position selected from the group consisting of L235A, G237A, S228P, L236E, S267E, E318A, L328F, M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to the EU numbering system, optionally wherein the Fc region further comprises a S228P amino acid substitution according to the EU numbering system; or

vi. the isolated antibody has a hybrid IgG2/4 isotype, optionally wherein the antibody comprises an amino acid sequence comprising amino acids 118 to 260 of human IgG2 and amino acids 261 to 447 of human IgG4, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to the EU numbering system;

optionally wherein the Fc region further comprises one or more additional amino acid substitutions at a position selected from the group consisting of M252Y, S254T, T256E, and any combination thereof, wherein the numbering of the residues is according to the EU numbering system.

21. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 20, wherein the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment, and wherein the antibody fragment is an Fab, Fab', Fab'-SH, F(ab')₂, Fv or scFv fragment.
22. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 21, wherein the isolated antibody is a bispecific antibody, a multivalent antibody, or a chimeric antibody.
23. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 22, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.
24. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 21, wherein the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of a wild-type human TREM2 and a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, and wherein the antibody fragment is cross-linked to a second antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of a wild-type human TREM2, a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2, a wild-type human DAP12, and a naturally occurring variant of human DAP12.
25. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 22, wherein the isolated antibody is a bispecific antibody recognizing a first antigen and a second antigen, wherein the first antigen is a wild-type human TREM2 or a naturally occurring variant thereof, and the second antigen is DAP12 or a disease-causing protein selected from the group consisting of amyloid beta or fragments thereof, Tau, IAPP, alpha-synuclein, TDP-43, FUS protein, prion protein, PrPSc, huntingtin, calcitonin, superoxide dismutase, ataxin, Lewy body, atrial natriuretic factor, islet amyloid polypeptide, insulin, apolipoprotein AI, serum amyloid A, medin, prolactin, transthyretin, lysozyme, beta 2 microglobulin, gelsolin, keratoepithelin, cystatin, immunoglobulin light chain AL, S-IBM protein, Repeat-associated non-ATG (RAN) translation products, DiPeptide repeat (DPR) peptides, glycine-alanine (GA) repeat peptides, glycine-proline (GP) repeat peptides, glycine-arginine (GR) repeat peptides, proline-alanine (PA) repeat peptides, and proline-arginine (PR) repeat peptides; or a blood brain barrier targeting protein selected from the group consisting of: transferrin receptor, insulin receptor, insulin like growth factor receptor, LRP-1, and LRP1.
26. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 21, wherein the isolated antibody is an antibody fragment that binds to one or more human proteins selected from the group consisting of a wild-type human TREM2 and a naturally occurring variant of human TREM2; and wherein the antibody is used in combination with one or more antibodies that specifically

bind a disease-causing protein selected from the group consisting of: amyloid beta or fragments thereof, Tau, IAPP, alpha-synuclein, TDP-43, FUS protein, prion protein, PrPSc, huntingtin, calcitonin, superoxide dismutase, ataxin, Lewy body, atrial natriuretic factor, islet amyloid polypeptide, insulin, apolipoprotein AI, serum amyloid A, medin, prolactin, transthyretin, lysozyme, beta 2 microglobulin, gelsolin, keratoepithelin, cystatin, immunoglobulin light chain AL, S-IBM protein, Repeat-associated non-ATG (RAN) translation products, DiPeptide repeat (DPR) peptides, glycine-alanine (GA) repeat peptides, glycine-proline (GP) repeat peptides, glycine-arginine (GR) repeat peptides, proline-alanine (PA) repeat peptides, and proline-arginine (PR) repeat peptides, and any combination thereof.

27. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 26, wherein the isolated antibody binds specifically to both human TREM2 and mouse TREM2.
28. An isolated nucleic acid encoding the antibody of any one of the preceding claims.
29. A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 28.
30. An isolated host cell comprising the vector of claim 29.
31. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody of any one of claims 1 to 27 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
32. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 27 for use in a method of preventing, reducing risk, or treating an individual having dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, or multiple sclerosis.
33. The antibody for the use of claim 32, wherein the individual has Alzheimer's disease.
34. The antibody for the use of claim 32 or 33, wherein the individual has a heterozygous variant of TREM2, wherein the variant comprises one or more substitutions selected from the group consisting of:
 - i. a glutamic acid to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Glu14 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
 - ii. a glutamine to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Gln33 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
 - iii. a tryptophan to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Trp44 of SEQ ID NO: 1;

- iv. an arginine to histidine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Arg47 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- v. a tryptophan to stop codon substitution in the nucleic acid sequence encoding amino acid residue Trp78 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- vi. a valine to glycine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Val126 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- vii. an aspartic acid to glycine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Asp134 of SEQ ID NO: 1; and
- viii. a lysine to asparagine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Lys186 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

35. The antibody for the use of claim 32 or 33, wherein the individual has a heterozygous variant of TREM2, wherein the variant comprises a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G313 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 1; a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G267 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 1; or both.

36. The antibody for the use of claim 32 or 33, wherein the individual has a heterozygous variant of DAP12, wherein the variant comprises one or more variants selected from the group consisting of:

- i. a methionine to threonine substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Met1 of SEQ ID NO: 2;
- ii. a glycine to arginine amino acid substitution at an amino acid corresponding to amino acid residue Gly49 of SEQ ID NO: 2;
- iii. a deletion within exons 1-4 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2;
- iv. an insertion of 14 amino acid residues at exon 3 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2; and
- v. a guanine nucleotide deletion at a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide residue G141 of the nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2.

37. The isolated antibody of any one of claims 1 to 27 for use in a method of inducing or promoting macrophage survival in an individual in need thereof.